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# LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
*Washington, D. C., April 5, 1941.*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the act of incorporation of the American Historical Association, approved January 4, 1889, I have the honor of submitting to Congress the *Annual Report* of the Association for the year 1940.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. G. ABBOT, *Secretary.*

# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,
*Washington, D. C., April 4, 1941.*

SIR: As provided by law, I submit herewith the *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association for the year 1940. This consists of one volume containing the proceedings of the Association for 1940, the proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch for 1940, the report of the Conference of Historical Societies for 1940 and the report of the Conference on Latin American History for 1940.

*Writings on American History*, which has long been published as Volume II of the *Annual Report*, will henceforth be published as a separate work under the auspices of the Albert J. Beveridge Fund Committee of the American Historical Association and will no longer be distributed free to members. The combined 1937–38 *Writings* volume, forming Volume II of the *Annual Report* for 1937, was the last one published under the old arrangement. Miss Grace Gardner Griffin, whose distinguished bibliographical work in behalf of the Association has given her high rank throughout the historical profession, will continue to direct the project. A combined volume covering 1939 and 1940, the first to be published under the new arrangement, is in press and will be available through any bookseller.

The cumulative index to *Writings*, now being compiled by David M. Matteson, will terminate with the combined 1937–38 volume and will appear in due course.

LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ, *Editor.*

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
*Washington, D. C.*

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# ORGANIZATON AND ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## THE ASSOCIATION

The American Historical Association, incorporated by Act of Congress in 1889, is defined by its charter to be: *A body corporate and politic . . . for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts and for kindred purposes in the interest of American history, and of history in America.* There are at present more than 3,500 members.

It is a society not only for scholars, though it has for the last half century included in its membership all the outstanding historical scholars in America, not only for educators, though it has included all the great American teachers of history, but also for every man and woman who is interested in the study of history in America. Its most generous benefactors have been nonprofessionals who loved history for its own sake and who wished to spread that love of history to a wider and wider circle.

## MEETINGS

It meets in the Christmas week, alternately in Washington, New York, and Chicago, to accommodate in turn members living in different parts of the country. The attendance at these meetings has been increasing steadily and more than 1,000 persons now regularly assemble on such occasions. The formal programs of these meetings include important contributions to every field of historical scholarship, many of which are subsequently printed. The meetings also afford an excellent opportunity for maintaining contacts with professional friends and for exchanging ideas with others working in the same field.

## PUBLICATIONS

The publications of the Association are many and their scope is wide. The *Annual Report*, in one or more volumes, is printed for the Association by the United States Government and is distributed free to all members who ask for it. It contains *Proceedings* and valuable collections of documents, generally in the field of American history. *The American Historical Review*, published quarterly and distributed free to all members of the Association, is the recognized organ of the historical profession in America. It prints authoritative

articles and critical reviews of new books in all fields of history. The Association also cooperates with the National Council for the Social Studies in the publication of *Social Education*, one of the most important journals in America dealing with the problems of history teaching in the schools.

Besides these regular publications, the Association controls a revolving fund donated by the Carnegie Corporation out of which it publishes from time to time historical monographs selected from the whole field of history. It has as well two separate endowment funds, the income from which is devoted to the publication of historical source material. The Albert J. Beveridge Fund was established as a memorial to the late Senator Beveridge by his wife, Catherine Beveridge, and a large group of his friends in Indiana. The income from this fund, the principal of which amounts to about $100,000, is applied to the publication of *Writings on American History*, the standard annual guide to new books and articles on the history of the United States, and to the publication of material relative to American history, with preference to the period from 1800 to 1865. The Littleton-Griswold Fund was established by Alice Griswold in memory of her father, William E. Littleton, and of her husband, Frank T. Griswold. The income from this fund, the principal of which amounts to $25,000, is applied to the publication of material relative to the legal history of the United States.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Association from time to time, through special committees, interests itself actively in promoting the sound teaching of sound history in the schools. It has a continuing grant for helping small colleges remote from the great cultural centers to build up collections of rare books about America. It has done much and is doing more to collect and preserve historical manuscripts in public and private repositories. It has interested itself in developing the potentialities of the radio as an instrument of education, and it plans and directs historical radio broadcasts in which it seeks to combine the skill and popular appeal of the professional broadcaster with the learning of the professional scholar.

The Association maintains close relations with State and local historical societies through an annual conference which it has organized and the proceedings of which it prints in its *Annual Report*. It has also organized a Pacific Coast Branch for members living in the Far West.

PRIZES

The Association offers the following prizes:

*The George Louis Beer Prize* of about $200 (being the annual income from an endowment of $5,000) is awarded annually for the best work on any phase of European international history since 1895. Competition is limited to citizens of the United States and to works in the English language actually submitted. A work may be submitted either in manuscript or in print.

*The John H. Dunning Prize* of $150 is awarded biennially in the even-numbered years for a monograph, either in print or in manuscript, on any subject relating to American history. In accordance with the terms of the bequest, competition is limited to members of the Association.

*The Herbert Baxter Adams Prize* of $200 has been awarded biennially in the even-numbered years for a monograph, in manuscript or in print, in the field of European history. The prize will be continued but, because of financial exigencies, no stipend can be paid after 1940.

*The Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Prize* of $200 is awarded biennially in the odd-numbered years for a monograph, either in print or in manuscript, on any subject relating to American history, including that of South America. The committee on the Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund, which finances this prize, will publish such prize essays as may fall within the scope of the Beveridge Memorial Monograph Series.[1]

In awarding these prizes, the committees in charge consider not only research accuracy and originality but also clearness of expression, logical arrangement, and general excellence of style. All prizes are designed particularly to encourage those who have not published any considerable work previously or obtained an established reputation.

Any work submitted in competition for any of these prizes must be in the hands of the proper committee by June 1st of the year in which the award is made. The date of publication of printed monographs submitted in competition must fall within a period of two and one-half years prior to that time.

The American Historical Association is in a position to do significant and useful work not only in the advancement of learning but also in the dissemination of sound knowledge. It commands the resources of the learned world, but it also recognizes the necessity of bringing the fruits of learning to the average American. It needs to be supported. Its endowment funds, amounting to about $240,000,

[1] For information on this Series, see the *Annual Report* for 1938, p. 58.

are carefully managed by a Board of Trustees composed of men prominent in the world of finance. Most of the income from this endowment is, however, earmarked for special publications. For its broader educational purposes it has to depend chiefly upon its membership dues. While it has over 3,500 members, it needs many more. It welcomes to its ranks any individual subscribing to its purposes. Membership application blanks may be secured by addressing the Assistant Secretary in The Library of Congress Annex, Washington, D. C.

## ACT OF INCORPORATION

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Andrew D. White, of Ithaca, in the State of New York; George Bancroft, of Washington, in the District of Columbia; Justin Winsor, of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts; William F. Poole, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; Herbert B. Adams, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland; Clarence W. Bowen, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, their associates and successors, are hereby created, in the District of Columbia, a body corporate and politic by the name of the American Historical Association, for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts and for kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America. Said Association is authorized to hold real and personal estate in the District of Columbia so far as may be necessary to its lawful ends to an amount not exceeding $500,000, to adopt a constitution, and to make bylaws not inconsistent with law. Said Association shall have its principal office at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and may hold its annual meetings in such places as the said incorporators shall determine. Said Association shall report annually to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution concerning its proceedings and the condition of historical study in America. Said Secretary shall communicate to Congress the whole of such report, or such portions thereof as he shall see fit. The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit said Association to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, at their discretion, upon such conditions and under such rules as they shall prescribe.

[Approved, January 4, 1889.]

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The name of this society shall be the American Historical Association.

## ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. Its object shall be the promotion of historical studies.

## ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. Any person approved by the Council may become an active member of the Association. Active membership shall date from the receipt by the Treasurer of the first payment of dues, which shall be $5 a year or a single payment of $100 for life. Annual dues shall be payable at the beginning of the year to which they apply and any member whose dues are in arrears for one year may, one month after the mailing of a notice of such delinquency to his last known address, be dropped from the rolls by vote of the Council or the Executive Committee. Members who have been so dropped may be reinstated at any time by the payment of one year's dues in advance. Only active members shall have the right to vote or to hold office in the Association. Persons not resident in the United States may be elected by the Council as honorary or corresponding members and such members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

## ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. The officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary, a Managing Editor of *The American Historical Review*, and, at the discretion of the Council, an Editor and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary, under the direction of the Council, to promote historical scholarship in America through the agencies of the Association. He shall exercise general oversight over the affairs of the Association, supervise the work of its committees, formulate policies for presentation to the Council, execute its policies and perform such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct.

SEC. 3. The other officers of the Association shall have such duties and perform such functions as are customarily attached to their respective offices or as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council.

SEC. 4. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in the following manner. The Nominating Committee at such convenient time prior to the 1st of September as it may determine shall invite each member of the Association to indicate his or her nominee for each of these offices. With these suggestions in mind, it shall draw up a ballot of nominations which it shall mail to each member of the Association on or before the 1st of December and which it shall distribute as

the official ballot at the Annual Business Meeting. It shall present to this meeting orally any other nominations for these offices petitioned for to the Chairman of the Committee at least one day before the Business Meeting and supported by the names of twenty voting members of the Association. The election shall be made from these nominations at the Business Meeting.

SEC. 5. The Executive Secretary, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, the Managing Editor of *The American Historical Review* and the Editor shall be appointed by the Council for specified terms of office not to exceed three years and shall be eligible for reappointment. For the purpose of new appointments, the terms of all these officers shall be deemed to have expired on December 31, 1940. They shall receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

SEC. 6. If the office of President shall, through any cause, become vacant, the First Vice President shall thereupon become President and the Second Vice President shall become First Vice President whenever the office of First Vice President shall have been vacated.

## ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. There shall be a Council, constituted as follows:

(*a*) The President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and the Managing Editor of *The American Historical Review.*

(*b*) Elected members, eight in number, chosen by ballot in the manner provided in Article VI, Section 2. At the election of 1931 the persons so elected shall be assigned to four equal classes, the members of which shall be elected to serve respectively for 1, 2, 3, and 4 years. Subsequent elections in each class shall be for 4 years, except in the case of elections to complete unexpired terms.

(*c*) The former Presidents, but a former President shall be entitled to vote for the 3 years succeeding the expiration of his term as President, and no longer.

SEC. 2. The Council shall conduct the business, manage the property and care for the general interests of the Association. In the exercise of its proper functions, the Council may appoint such committees, commissions, and boards as it may deem necessary. The Council shall make a full report of its activities to the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Association may, by vote at any Annual Meeting, instruct the Council to discontinue or enter upon any activity, and may take such other action directing the affairs of the Association as it may deem necessary and proper.

SEC. 3. For the transaction of necessary business when the Council is not in session, the Council shall elect annually from its membership an Executive Committee of not more than six members which shall include the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer. Subject always to the general direction of the Council, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of Association interests and the carrying out of Association policies.

## ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee to consist of five members, each of whom shall serve a term of two years. In the 1939 election, two new members shall be elected; in 1940, three; and this alternation shall continue thereafter, except in the case of elections to complete unexpired terms. If vacancies on the Nominating Committee occur between the time of the annual elections, the Nominating Committee shall fill them by direct *ad interim* appointments.

SEC. 2. Elective members of the Council and members of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen as follows: The Nominating Committee shall present for each vacant membership on the Council and on the Nominating Committee two or more names, including the names of any persons who may be nominated by a petition carrying the signatures of twenty or more voting members of the Association. Nominations by petition must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by November 1st. The Nominating Committee shall present these nominations to the members of the Association in the ballot distributed by mail as described above. The members of the Association shall make their choice from among these nominations and return their ballots for counting not later than the 20th of December at 6 p. m. No vote received after that time shall be valid. The votes shall be counted and checked in such manner as the Nominating Committee shall prescribe and shall then be sealed in a box and deposited in the Washington office of the Association where they shall be kept for at least a year. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Business Meeting. In case of a tie, choice shall be made at the Annual Business Meeting from among the candidates receiving the highest equal vote.

## ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees, five in number, consisting of a chairman and four other members, nominated by the Council and elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Trustees elected in 1931 shall serve, respectively, as determined by lot, for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. Subsequent elections shall be in all cases for 5 years except in the case of elections to complete unexpired terms. The Board of Trustees, acting by a majority thereof, shall have the power to invest and reinvest the permanent funds of the Association with authority to employ such agents, investment counsel and banks or trust companies as it may deem wise in carrying out its duties, and with further authority to delegate and transfer to any bank or trust company all its power to invest or reinvest; neither the Board of Trustees nor any bank or trust company to whom it may so transfer its power shall be controlled in its discretion by any statute or other law applicable to fiduciaries and the liability of the individual members of the board and of any such bank or trust company shall be limited to good faith and lack of actual fraud or wilful misconduct in the discharge of the duties resting upon them.

## ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of any regular business session of the Association or by a majority vote of the Council and may be adopted by a majority vote of the next regular business session, provided always that the proposed amendment and an explanation thereof shall have been circulated to the membership of the Association not less than twenty days preceding the date of the business session at which the final vote is to be taken. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to arrange for the distribution of all such proposed amendments among the members of the Association.

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[1] Died September 30, 1941.

[2] This body has been succeeded by the American Association for State and Local History, with David C. Duniway, Box 6101, Washington, D. C., as Secretary-Treasurer.

*Committee on the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize.*—W. K. Jordan, *Chairman*, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Appointment of other members referred to the Executive Committee with power.

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sity, Washington, D. C.; St. George L. Sioussat, The Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

*Committee on "Writings on American History."*—Deferred for consideration of Executive Committee. Future issues to be supported by the Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund.

*Committee on "Bibliography of American Travel."*—Referred to the Executive Committee.

*Delegates of the American Historical Association.* (1) *American Council of Learned Societies*—William Scott Ferguson, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (term expires Dec. 31, 1944); Wallace Notestein, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (Dec. 31, 1942). (2) *International Committee of Historical Sciences*—Waldo G. Leland, American Council of Learned Societies, Washington, D. C.; James T. Shotwell, Columbia University, New York, N. Y. (3) *Social Science Research Council*—Merle E. Curti, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, (term expires Dec. 31, 1943); Roy F. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. (1941); Arthur M. Schlesinger, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (1942).

*Committee on Historical Source Materials.*—Herbert A. Kellar, *Chairman*, McCormick Historical Association, Chicago, Ill. *Special Committee on Archives*—Margaret C. Norton, *Chairman*, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Ill.; Francis S. Philbrick, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sargent B. Child, Historical Records Survey Projects, W. P. A.; Edwin A. Davis, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Solon J. Buck, The National Archives, Washington, D. C. *Special Committee on Manuscripts*—Wendell H. Stephenson, *Chairman*, Louisiana State University, University, La.; Theodore C. Blegen, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.; Lester J. Cappon, Library of the University of Virginia, University, Va.; John C. L. Andreassen, Historical Records Survey, New Orleans, La.; St. George L. Sioussat, The Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. *Special Committee on Newspapers*—Culver H. Smith, *Chairman*, University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Allan Nevins, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.; Edgar E. Robinson, Stanford University, Calif.; E. Malcolm Carroll, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Adeline Barry, Committee on Private Research, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. *Special Committee on Business Records*—Oliver M. Dickerson, *Chairman*, Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colo.; William D. Overman, State Archivist, Ohio State Museum, Columbus, Ohio; Oliver W. Holmes, The National Archives, Washington, D. C.; Ralph M. Hower, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Lewis Atherton, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. *Special Committee on Library Holdings*—Douglas C. McMurtrie, *Chairman*, American Imprints Survey, Evanston, Ill.; Gilbert H. Doanne, University of Wisconsin Library, Madison, Wis.; A. F. Kuhlman, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; George A. Schwegmann, Jr., The Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; James A. Barnes, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; Luther H. Evans, The Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. *Special Committee on "British Sessional Papers"*—Edgar L. Erickson, *Chairman*, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; C. W. de Kiewiet, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Milton R. Gutch, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.; Frank J. Klingberg, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.; Warner F. Woodring, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. *Special Committee on the Preservation and Restoration of Historical Objects*—Russell H. Anderson, *Chairman*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, Ill.; C. C. Crittenden, The North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, N. C.; Hunter D. Farish, Department of Research and Record of Colonial Williamsburg Inc., Williamsburg, Va.; Ronald Lee, National

Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.; B. D. Merritt, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J. *Research Associate*—Everett E. Edwards, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

*Standing Committee on Government Publications.*—Louis C. Hunter, *Chairman*, American University, Washington, D. C.; Homer C. Hockett, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; J. Fred Rippy, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

*Representatives of the American Historical Association on the Executive Board of "Social Education."*—Ronald Beasley, Groton School, Groton, Mass.; Conyers Read, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Official Representative on the National Parks Association Board.*—B. Floyd Flickinger, Winchester, Va. (for 3 years ending May 8, 1944).

*Committee on War Service.*—To be appointed by the Executive Committee.

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION FOR 1940

## ABSTRACT OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD DURING 1940 AT THE HARVARD CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

*Meeting of June 9, 1940*

Present: Laurence B. Packard, *Chairman*; William Scott Ferguson; James P. Baxter III, Chairman of the Committee of Five, by invitation; the Treasurer; and the Executive Secretary.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to take action upon the report of the Committee of Five, previously distributed to members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Baxter, however, asked leave to withdraw the report, and the whole question was deferred awaiting an amended report of the Committee of Five.

Other business was considered and disposed of as follows:

The question was raised as to whether or not supplements to *The American Historical Review* should be distributed gratis to subscribers to the *Review* who were not members of the Association. The Executive Secretary submitted correspondence from Mr. Brett, President of the Macmillan Company, in which he revealed that he had not distributed these supplements to nonmembers who were subscribers, and that he favored the continuance of that policy. Upon motion the continuance of that policy was approved.

A vacancy in the chairmanship of the Committee on Government Publications having been created by the resignation of W. Stull Holt, who has moved to the Pacific Coast, upon motion Louis C. Hunter was appointed.

A letter from the Editor of *The American Historical Review* was read, reporting action by the Board of Editors of the *A. H. R.* to the effect that the Editor should not be expected to prepare a report of the Annual Meeting of the Association for publication in the *Review*. Upon motion the matter was referred to the Chairman of the Program Committee.

The Executive Secretary reported that approximately $750 had been raised for the editorial expenses of *Writings* by an appeal to a selected list of members (about 1,000). Possible ways of raising more money were discussed: (*a*) By appeals for grants-in-aid; (*b*) by a second appeal to members; (*c*) by a letter to chairmen of history departments. These suggestions were passed on for the consideration of the Executive Secretary.

The Treasurer reported that, by reason of an anticipated cut in printing appropriations, it seemed wise to postpone the printing of *Proceedings* for 1939 and to use any available balances from the printing credits for the publication of *Writings*. Upon motion this decision was approved.

A report from the Chairman of the Committee on *Writings* was presented, in which certain changes were suggested both in the format and content. Upon motion these proposed changes were referred back to the Committee on *Writings* with power.

A letter was read from Mr. Lybyer protesting against the action of the Council at the December 1939 meeting with reference to the H. B. Adams Prize. Upon motion the Executive Committee decided there was no reason why Mr. Lybyer should not collect enough money to provide $200 for the H. B. Adams Prize award in 1940. It was further resolved that the Executive Committee should recom-

mend to the Council that the award of the H. B. Adams Prize be continued biennially as heretofore but without any stipend.

Correspondence from the Association of American Geographers, urging the arrangement of a joint session with the A. H. A., in Washington in 1942, was reserved for consideration after the place of meeting of the A. H. A. for 1942 had been decided.

A request from the Macmillan Company to amend the contract on *A Guide to Historical Literature*, so as to reduce the royalties on foreign sales, was left for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Julian P. Boyd was appointed chairman of a committee to plan a program for the session of editors of reviews at the meeting of the Association in December 1940.

A request from the Chairman of the Beveridge Fund Committee that the American Historical Association waive copyright upon a manual of style to be published by the Beveridge Fund Committee was granted.

A letter from Robert C. Binkley, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, calling for joint action by the American Historical Association and other learned societies to consider measures for standardizing the photographing of source materials, was, owing to Mr. Binkley's death,[1] laid on the table for future consideration.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned at 4 p. m., to meet again as soon as the Committee of Five was ready to make its report. It was expected that this would be on or about July 2, 1940.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

*Meeting of July 3, 1940*

Present: Laurence B. Packard, *Chairman;* Merle E. Curti; William Scott Ferguson; the Treasurer; and the Executive Secretary. James P. Baxter III, Chairman of the Committee of Five, attended by invitation.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The meeting was called at 10 a. m. for the purpose of considering a revised report of the Committee of Five. Mr. Baxter's communication on this subject, dated June 22, 1940, already had been distributed to the members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Baxter himself has not had time to prepare a formal report. It is understood that this report will incorporate the recommendations set forth in his letter of June 22, 1940, and the action of the Executive Committee is made contingent upon the fact that his formal report, when submitted, will be submitted to the individual members of the Executive Committee and approved by them. Subject to this condition, the Executive Committee took action, after considerable debate, as follows:

*Voted*, That the report of the Committee of Five be transmitted to the voting members of the Council by mail and that the Executive Committee recommend that the report be adopted. (Mr. Reed wished to be recorded as not voting to this resolution.)

*Voted*, That the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that if the report of the Committee of Five be adopted by the Council, and if the Executive Secretary or the Editor of the *Review*, or both of them, be unable or unwilling to continue service until September 1941, the Executive Committee be authorized to make temporary arrangements.

*Voted*, That the Executive Secretary proceed to take a poll vote of the Council in accordance with the resolutions just stated.

[1] He died on April 11, 1940.

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Executive Committee be extended to the Chairman and the other members of the Committee of Five for their long and painful labors.

*Voted*, That the Washington office of the Association be moved to the Library of Congress Annex as soon as feasible.

*Voted*, That a letter be written to the Librarian of Congress thanking him for his tender of space in the Library of Congress Annex.

*Voted*, That the Editor of *The American Historical Review* be requested to print the report of the Committee of Ten in the October number of the *Review*.

*Voted*, That the questionnaire to be sent to the Council should include a recommendation and invite approval of the appointment of Patty W. Washington to be Assistant Secretary and Treasurer for a term of 1 year beginning January 1, 1941.

*Voted*, That action upon the letter from Mr. Binkley of December 19, 1939, upon which action was deferred at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, should be again deferred pending further advices from the Treasurer on the subject.

There being no other business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1 p. m.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

*Meeting of November 3, 1940*

The meeting was called at 10 a. m. Present: Laurence B. Packard, *Chairman;* Merle E. Curti; William Scott Ferguson; Allan Nevins; the Treasurer; and the Executive Secretary.

The Treasurer distributed his report and laid before the Finance Committee, meeting concurrently with the Executive Committee, his budgetary estimates. The following adjustments were made in the revised budget for 1940–41:

Salary of Assistant Editor of *The American Historical Review* reduced from $2,400 to $2,033.33.

Office assistance and other expenses, *The American Historical Review*, increased from $1,950 to $2,050.

Mr. Read called attention to the fact that among the nonrecurrent receipts in the general funds would be a balance of $290 in the office of the Executive Secretary at the end of the fiscal year 1940. After discussion and further elucidation by the Treasurer of the budget for the fiscal year 1941–42, it was agreed that, in presenting the budget, some footnote would be added in order to show expenditures under the existing organization. With these changes, upon motion, the budget was approved both by the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee.

The Executive Secretary reported on a meeting which he had recently attended of the Local Arrangements Committee for the meeting of the Association in New York in December. He said it appeared that the Program Committee would have less than enough money for its purposes out of the $100 appropriation made to it, and that the Local Arrangements Committee would probably have somewhat more money than it needed out of its appropriation of $200. The Executive Secretary suggested that the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee be authorized to transfer funds from his appropriation to augment the appropriation for the Program Committee. The Treasurer said that he would honor expenses incurred by the Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements without reference to whether they had been applied to the expenses of his own Committee or of the Program Committee.

*Editor of the Association*

The Executive Secretary reported that no arrangements had yet been made for the extension of the term of this office during the interval between the expiration of his term of office December 31, 1940, and the assumption of the duties of the office by Dr. Ford on September 1, 1941. Upon motion is was voted to reappoint Dr. Ragatz for a period of 9 months, from January 1 to August 31, 1941.

*Program for the New York Meeting*

A tentative program for the meeting was submitted and the arrangements for printing it and advertising in it were presented. The Executive Secretary reported that Dr. Farrand had provided a photograph of himself for reproduction in the program, following the precedent established last year. Dr. Buck suggested that efforts be made to recapture the plates for all of these reproductions of the portraits of our presidents so that they might be utilized later. The Executive Secretary was directed to bring this to the attention of Mr. Tobey, the advertising manager.

*The Problem of "Writings"*

The report of the Chairman of the Committee on *Writings* was presented The question of the further financing of *Writings* was discussed at some length. The Executive Secretary suggested the desirability of publishing *Writings* independently out of the income of the A. J. Beveridge Memorial Fund. It was estimated that editorial costs and printing costs would probably not exceed $4,000 per year, and that a large part of this could be recovered by selling the volume published. It was estimated that there would probably be a pretty certain market for about 1,000 copies. It was agreed that $3 would be a reasonable price at which to offer the volume. The Executive Secretary was requested to confer about the matter with the Chairman of the Beveridge Fund Committee and to prepare a memorandum on the subject for the consideration of the Council.

The report of the compiler of the cumulative index to *Writings* was presented. No formal action was taken. Dr. Buck undertook to discuss the matter informally with Dr. Leland and to appeal for additional funds in order to carry the cumulative index forward at least to 1936. The Executive Committee expressed its opinion that, if feasible, it would certainly be desirable to carry the cumulative index that far.[2]

*Lists of Doctoral Dissertations and Research Projects*

The Executive Secretary read to the Committee his correspondence on this subject with Mr. Brett, President of the Macmillan Company. It was suggested that the bulk of this publication might be very considerably diminished—in fact, cut something less than half—if items presented in the report published in 1940 were simply referred to and not reprinted in the report for 1941. Subject to this change, the Executive Secretary was instructed to proceed with the arrangements in accordance with Mr. Brett's letter, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Executive Secretary.

*Publication of Royalty Payments on Individual Volumes Sponsored by Various Publication Committees*

These royalty payments had heretofore been published, item by item, in the Treasurer's Report, but considerations of economy had necessitated the abandonment of that practice. Acting upon a suggestion from Dr. Hicks, Chairman of the Carnegie Revolving Fund, the Executive Committee agreed that these figures

[2] It was later decided to carry it through the combined 1937–38 volume, the last one published as part of the *Annual Report.*

should be published somewhere, and recommended to the Chairman of the Committee on Publication of the *Annual Report* that they be included henceforth under the report of the appropriate committee in the *Annual Report.*

*New Appointments*

The Executive Secretary called to the attention of the Executive Committee that the Council would be called upon to make two important appointments in December and to nominate for election a new member of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee recommended to the Committee of the Council on Appointments the following:

1. The reappointment of William Scott Ferguson as American Historical Association delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies.
2. The reappointment of Lawrence C. Wroth to the Americana Committee.
3. The nomination of Mr. Stanton Griffis to succeed himself on the Board of Trustees.
4. The appointment of Richard H. Shryock of the University of Pennsylvania as Chairman of the Beveridge Fund Committee.

*Committee on the Publication of "Annual Report"*

Dr. Buck raised some questions about the format and contents of the *Annual Report* as at present printed. He inquired whether such matters were at the discretion of the Committee on the *Annual Report.* No formal action was taken, but the sense of the Executive Committee was that such matters fell within the discretion of the Committee on the *Annual Report.*

*Membership Matters*

The Treasurer presented a list of members delinquent for more than a year in the payment of their dues. Upon motion the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer was directed to drop from the rolls the names of all members whose dues are in arrears for more than 1 year, with the exception of those who have indicated an intention to pay their dues at some future time and of those who reside outside the United States.

A letter was read from the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer calling attention to the fact that mail addressed to the following life members was being returned, and that no correct addresses could be secured. Upon motion she was instructed to drop the names of Cortlandt F. Bishop, Box 581, Lenox, Mass., and Mrs. Julia Whitney, 10 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill., from her mailing list.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer also raised a question about members in Canada, England, and other countries unable to pay their dues because of restrictions upon the export of money or of credit. Upon motion the Executive Secretary was directed to review the list of foreign members of the Association, and in every case which seemed to justify it to instruct the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to continue the sending of the *Review* to such members whether or not they paid their dues. It was further provided that in the case of members in those countries to which deliveries of publications could not be made, copies of publications customarily sent to them should be held in reserve for them until such time as they could be delivered.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer also called attention to a communication from Mr. Harold G. Williams of New Haven, Conn., in which, having added $1 to his check for $5 for annual dues, he transmitted the suggestion that the membership be invited to make any contribution, however small, to the increase of the Endowment Fund. The Treasurer was directed to provide for such an appeal on the annual bill for dues, and perhaps to print on the back of the bill the pertinent extract from Mr. Williams's letter on the subject.

*Miscellaneous*

The following *ad interim* appointments by the Executive Secretary were confirmed:

1. Dr. Edward Potts Cheyney as American Historical Association delegate to the University of Pennsylvania Bicentennial Celebration.
2. Prof. James A. Barnes and Dr. Cheesman A. Herrick as American Historical Association delegates for the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.
3. Dr. Helen Taft Manning as American Historical Association delegate to the inauguration of George N. Shuster as fifth president of Hunter College.

*"The Cultural Approach to History"*

The Executive Secretary called attention to the fact that this volume, edited by Dr. Caroline F. Ware of American University in Washington and made up in large part of papers read before the Washington meeting of the Association in 1939, was being published by the Columbia University Press. The Executive Secretary had arranged informally with the Editor that after a reasonable sum had been deducted from profits to meet editorial expenses, all royalties should be paid to the American Historical Association, provided, of course, the Association formally sponsored the volume. Upon motion the Executive Committee formally approved the sponsorship of the volume and ratified the publication arrangements, which involve no charge upon the budget of the Association and hold out some hope of revenue from royalties.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p. m.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

## POLL VOTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING 1940

*January 9, 1940*

Poll vote to reappoint Lowell Joseph Ragatz, of the George Washington University, Editor of the *Annual Report* for the year ending December 31, 1940. Carried.

*January 25, 1940*

Through some oversight the Committee on Appointments failed to nominate a new member of the Board of Editors of the *Review* to replace Dumas Malone, whose term expired December 31, 1939. The late Committee on Appointments favored the appointment of James G. Randall of the University of Illinois. As it is customary for the Executive Committee to act for the Council in *ad interim* appointments, the Executive Committee was polled to get their pleasure in the matter. James G. Randall was appointed.

*January 27, 1940*

The following day letter was received from Dr. Max Farrand, President of the American Historical Association:

"HOOVER REQUESTS ME AS PRESIDENT OF HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TO SERVE ON NATIONAL CIVIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FOR FINNISH RELIEF. PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC AND GLAD TO HAVE NAME USED BUT DON'T FEEL SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS PRESIDENT WITHOUT APPROVAL COUNCIL. CAN YOU SPEAK FOR THEM OR OBTAIN OPINION? WOULD IT HELP IF IDENTIFIED ALSO AS DIRECTOR HUNTINGTON LIBRARY?

The Executive Committee was polled to find out whether or not they approved of the American Historical Association being represented on the committee in question. They voted that the Association appoint no official representative on the committee.

*January 31, 1940*

Poll vote to appoint a member of the Committee on Publication of the *Annual Report*, in view of the fact that one of those appointed had declined to serve. Louis Hunter of American University was appointed.

*September 13, 1940*

Poll vote to provide as follows for carrying on the work of the Association during the interval between January 1 and September 1, 1941:

1. The Executive Secretary reappointed for a period of 9 months from January 1, 1941, at a monthly compensation of $166.67. Carried.
2. The assistant to the Executive Secretary reappointed for a period of 9 months from January 1, 1941, at a monthly compensation of $166.67. Carried.
3. Dr. Robert Livingston Schuyler reappointed Editor of *The American Historical Review* for a period of 9 months from January 1, 1941, at a monthly compensation of $208.33. Carried.
4. One hundred dollars added to the appropriation for the office of Executive Secretary for the fiscal year 1940–41 to take care of contingent expenses incidental to the transfer of the office to Washington. Carried.

*December 3, 1940*

Poll vote to appoint a Chairman of the Program Committee for the meeting of the Association in Chicago in December 1941. Curtis P. Nettels of the University of Wisconsin appointed.

## POLL VOTES OF THE COUNCIL DURING 1940

*July 23, 1940*

Poll vote that the report of the Committee of Five be adopted by the Council and that steps be taken as soon as possible to carry out this recommendation. Carried.

Poll vote that if the report of the Committee of Five be adopted by the Council, the Chairman of the Executive Committee be directed to invite Guy Stanton Ford to accept appointment as Executive Secretary, Editor of the Association, and Editor of *The American Historical Review* for a term of 3 years beginning September 1, 1941 at a salary of $5,000 a year. Carried.

Poll vote that if the present Executive Secretary and the present Editor of *The American Historical Review*, or either of them, whose terms of office expire December 31, 1940, be unable or unwilling to continue in service until September 1, 1941, the Executive Committee be empowered to make temporary *ad interim* arrangements. Carried.

Poll vote that the Council approve the appointment of Miss Patty W. Washington, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, for a term of 1 year beginning January 1, 1941. Carried.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 26 AND 29, 1940, AT 10 A. M.

*December 26*

Present: Max Farrand, *President;* Arthur M. Schlesinger, *Second Vice President;* William Scott Ferguson and Frederic L. Paxson, *Past Presidents;* Isaac J. Cox, Merle E. Curti, Louis R. Gottschalk, Robert J. Kerner, Allan Nevins, Laurence B. Packard, *Councilors;* Solon J. Buck, *Treasurer;* Conyers Read, *Executive Secretary.* Professor Kerner also appeared as delegate for the Pacific Coast Branch.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the 1939 meeting of the Council and the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting in 1939 were dispensed with. The Executive Secretary read the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of June 9, July 3, and November 3, 1940.[1]

*Report of the Treasurer*

The Treasurer presented a copy of his annual report, which was referred to the Annual Meeting without comment. He also presented the budget for the fiscal year 1940–41. As originally presented the budget provided $6,583 for the expenses of *The American Historical Review.* The Council voted to increase this amount to $6,800. With this amendment the budget as presented was approved.[2]

The budget of *Social Education* was also approved.[3] The Executive Secretary reported on the proposed contractual arrangements between the American Historical Association and the National Council for the Social Studies regarding the publication and control of *Social Education.* Upon motion the Executive Secretary was instructed to reach an agreement with the National Council for the Social Studies by which the American Historical Association should retain budgetary control of the editorial expenses of the magazine and its present rights of appointment to the Board of Editors of the Magazine, reliniquishing ownership to the National Council for the Social Studies.

The Executive Secretary reported that the budget for the Committee on Americana for College Libraries had not yet been prepared, since the fiscal year of the McGregor Fund, which provides the money for this committee, does not begin until the spring. Upon motion the approval of the budget of the Committee on Americana for College Libraries was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Executive Secretary drew attention to his annual report, which had been distributed to the Council by mail. Upon motion the Executive Secretary was authorized to print his report in full, or in an abbreviated form, after conference with the Editor of *The American Historical Review.*[4]

The following *ad interim* appointments were approved:

A. Chairmen of Local Arrangements Committee (Bessie L. Pierce) and Program Committee (Curtis P. Nettels), Chicago meeting.

B. Chairman of Committee on Government Publications (Louis C. Hunter).

C. Chairman of a committee to plan a program for the session of editors of reviews at the 1940 Annual Meeting (Julian P. Boyd).

D. Official representative upon the National Parks Association Board (B. Floyd Flickinger).

E. Editor of the Association from January 1 to August 31, 1941 (Lowell Joseph Ragatz).

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[1] See pp. 3 ff.

[2] See pp. 54 ff.

[3] On file in the Washington office.

[4] This appeared on pp. 738 ff. of the April 1941 issue.

F. Delegate to the University of Pennsylvania Bicentennial Celebration (Edward Potts Cheyney.

G. Delegate to the inauguration of Carl Stephens Ell as President of Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. (Halford L. Hoskins).

H. Delegates to the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (James A. Barnes and Cheesman A. Herrick).

I. Delegate to the inauguration of George N. Shuster as fifth president of Hunter College (Helen Taft Manning).

The report of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Association was delivered by Mr. Robert J. Kerner and ordered on file.[5]

The Council voted to recommend to the Annual Meeting that the meeting of the Association in 1942 should be held in Washington, D. C.[6]

The Executive Secretary laid before the Council a proposal from the Association of American Geographers for a joint meeting in Washington in December 1942. Upon motion the matter was referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the President. The President announced that he would appoint Mr. Ralph H. Gabriel of Yale University, *Chairman*, the Executive Secretary one member, and the Chairman of the Program Committee for the Washington meeting, when he was appointed, as the other member.

The further financing of *Writings on American History* was discussed at some length. The Executive Secretary called attention to the recommendations of the Executive Committee to the effect that *Writings* should be published out of the income of the Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund. The Executive Secretary reported that he had conferred on this subject with the present Chairman of the Beveridge Fund Committee, who saw no objection to this arrangement. It was estimated that the total cost of editing and printing would not greatly exceed $4,000, and that a large part of this could be recovered by selling the volume as published. It was agreed that $3 would be a reasonable price at which to offer the volume. Upon motion the Council approved of this arrangement and the Executive Secretary was instructed to work out the details with the Chairman of the Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund Committee.

A report of the Committee on the *Bibliography of American Travel* was presented. Upon motion the problems raised in this report were referred to the Executive Committee with power if they deemed it advisable to appoint a new committee.

The Executive Secretary presented the report of Mr. Pargellis, American Editor of the *Bibliography of British History*, and called attention to the possible difficulties under war conditions of having this volume published in England. Upon motion the Executive Secretary was directed to write to the Oxford Press or the Royal Historical Society, or both, expressing the interest of the American Historical Association and offering the assistance of the Association in having the volume published in this country.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee for the reestablishment of the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize without stipend upon motion was approved by the Council.

A letter was presented from Mr. Louis Gottschalk, Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Chicago, calling attention to a proposed new edition of Shephard's *Atlas* and inviting the endorsement of the American Historical Association. Upon motion the Council decided to take no action in this matter on the general grounds that it might constitute a precedent.

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[5] See pp. 84 ff.

[6] This subsequently proved impossible because of war conditions.

Upon motion the following resolution submitted by the Committee on Government Publications was approved:

*Resolved,* That the American Historical Association has learned with great satisfaction that the Department of State has begun the preparation for publication of the documents relating to the Peace Conference at Paris in 1918 and 1919. Bearing in mind the emergency nature of the present international situation and the possibility of the participation by the United States in another great peace conference, this Association respectfully urges The Honorable The Secretary of State that this publication be pushed vigorously to a full and early conclusion without any interruption of printing.

*Resolved, further,* That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Executive Secretary of the Association to The Honorable The Secretary of State.

The Executive Secretary submitted a letter from the Librarian of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia requesting copies of the report of the Commission on the Social Studies and of the *Annual Report* of the Association. Upon motion the matter was referred to the Executive Secretary with power.

The Council took under advisement a proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted at the last Annual Meeting of the Association by Mr. Frederick Merk for the consideration of the Council. In view of the impending changes in the organization of the Association, the Council decided not to submit this amendment for the approval of the Association.

The Executive Secretary called to the attention of the Council a vote by the Conference of Secretaries of the American Council of Learned Societies urging that some report of the activities of the American Council of Learned Societies be included in the agenda of the meeting of all the constituent societies. Upon motion the Executive Secretary was directed to make some summary statement of the activities of the American Council of Learned Societies at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Committee on Appointments made its recommendations, which, with some amendments, were approved by the council. A list of all appointments is appended to the minutes of the second meeting of the Council.

The Executive Secretary was directed to prepare resolutions expressing the thanks of the Council to the Program Committee, the Local Arrangements Committee, and the Board of Trustees.

The Council adjourned at 6 p. m. to meet again on Sunday, December 29, at 9 a. m.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

As instructed, the Executive Secretary has prepared the following resolutions and distributed copies of them to those to whom they apply:

*Resolved,* That the Executive Secretary be directed to convey the gratitude of the Council to Mr. Shepard Morgan and to his associates on the Board of Trustees for their careful guardianship of the invested funds of the Association.

*Resolved,* That the Executive Secretary be directed to express to the Chairman and the members of the Program Committee the thanks of the Association for the unusually interesting and stimulating program provided at the meeting in New York City in 1940.

*Resolved,* That the Executive Secretary be directed to express to the Chairman and the members of the Local Arrangements Committee, and particularly to Mr. Shepard Morgan and to Mr. Dwight C. Miner, the thanks of the Association for their careful attention to the comfort of its members at the meeting in New York City in 1940.

*December 29*

Present: Max Farrand, *President;* Arthur M. Schlesinger, *Second Vice President;* Frederic L. Paxson, *Past President;* Merle E. Curti, Louis R. Gottschalk,

Benjamin B. Kendrick, Robert J. Kerner, Allan Nevins, Laurence B. Packard, *Councilors;* Solon J. Buck, *Treasurer;* Conyers Read, *Executive Secretary.*

The adjourned meeting of the Council was mainly concerned with certain appointments which had not been completed at the previous meeting:[7]

1. The Executive Committee was constituted as follows: Laurence B. Packard, *Chairman,* Merle E. Curti, Benjamin B. Kendrick, Raymond J. Sontag, the Treasurer, and the Executive Secretary.

2. Committee on Appointments: Arthur M. Schlesinger, *Chairman,* Merle E. Curti, James Westfall Thompson,[8] Louis R. Gottschalk, and the Executive Secretary *ex officio.*

3. Delegate of the Association to the Social Science Research Council: Merle E. Curti.

4. Committee on *Writings on American History:* The appointments to this committee were referred to the Executive Committee with power.

5. Committee on the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize: W. K. Jordan was reappointed Chairman. The appointment of the other members of the Committee was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

6. The appointment of the Chairman of the Program Committee for the Washington meeting was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

7. Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the Washington meeting in 1942: Elmer Louis Kayser appointed Chairman, with power to select his own associates.

8. Upon motion the Executive Committee was also authorized to appoint a Committee on War Service to concern itself with questions of education, personnel, preservation of records, and fact-finding.

There being no further business, upon motion the Council adjourned at 10 a. m.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

## PROGRAM OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 27–30, 1940

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

### MORNING SESSIONS

### I

### *New Aids to Historical Research*[1]

### Chairman Max Farrand, The Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery

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[7] The complete list of committee members and delegates appears on pp. xxi ff.

[8] Died September 30, 1941.

[1] This program departed in certain respects from traditional practices. In several sessions, each of which will be noted, the principal paper was made available to the membership in mimeographed form, in order that the discussion might begin at the outset of the meeting. The Committee also made a special effort to draw into the sessions young scholars, men and women, from as many parts of the country as possible, and to rely in considerable measure on more mature scholars for evaluations of the work of younger colleagues. The program further included some topics and certain geographical areas to which, in the past decade, the Association had for various reasons paid little attention.

*The Challenge of Historical Materials* [2]

Richard B. Morris, City College, New York

Discussion, Kathleen Bruce, Historical Records Survey, Richmond, Va.; Francis S. Philbrick, University of Pennsylvania; Henrietta M. Larson, Harvard University; Paul H. Johnstone, United States Department of Agriculture; Harold M. Graves, Princeton University

SALLE MODERNE, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## II

*Nature, Man, and War*

Chairman: Bessie L. Pierce, University of Chicago

*War, Past, Present, and Future*

Bronislaw Malinowski, Yale University

*The Role of Geography in Twentieth Century Wars* [3]

Derwent S. Whittlesey, Harvard University

*Socio-Psychological Factors in Modern Warfare* [4]

Kimball Young, Queens College

PARLOR ONE, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## III

*The Negro in the Organization of Abolition, 1831–37*

Chairman: Lester B. Shippee, University of Minnesota

*The Effects of the World War on Democracy in America* [5]

George Mowry, University of North Carolina

Discussion, Max Lerner, Williams College; Frederic L. Paxson, University of California, Berkeley

BANQUET ROOM, 9:30 O'CLOCK

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[2] Published in *The American Archivist*, April 1941.

[3] Published in Jesse D. Clarkson and Thomas C. Cochran, eds., *War as a Social Institution: the Historian's Perspective* (New York, Columbia University Press, 1941).

[4] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

[5] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## IV

*The Negro in the History of the United States*

Chairman: W. E. Burghardt Dubois, Atlanta University

*The Negro in the Organization of Abolition, 1831–37*

Charles H. Wesley, Howard University

Discussion, Alex M. Arnett, The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina

*Some New Interpretations of the Negro Colonization Movement*

Rayford W. Logan, Howard University

Discussion, A. Ray Newsome, University of North Carolina

*The Race Issue in the Overthrow of Reconstruction in Mississippi*

Vernon L. Wharton, Millsaps College

Discussion, Horace Mann Bond, Fort Valley State College

ROOF GARDEN, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## V

*Medieval Representation*[6]

Chairman: Charles H. McIlwain, Harvard University

*Medieval Representation and Roman Law*

Gaines Post, University of Wisconsin

Discussion: Charles H. Taylor, Harvard University; Carl Stephenson, Cornell University; George L. Haskins, Harvard University; Samuel E. Thorne, Northwestern University; George F. La Piana, Harvard University

BALLROOM, HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET
9:30 O'CLOCK

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[6] Mimeographed and distributed in advance of the meeting as a basis for discussion. See note 1.

## VI

*The Business Cycle and the Historian*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the American Economic History Association

Chairman: Herbert Feis, United States Department of State

*Short-Run Economic History*

Arthur D. Gayer, Queens College

*Political Consequences of the Great Depression of 1873–96 in Central Europe*

Hans W. Rosenberg, Brooklyn College

Discussion: Judith B. Williams, Wellesley College; Fred A. Shannon, University of Illinois

CONFERENCE ROOM TWO, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## VII

*The Problem of National Minorities in Austria-Hungary*

Chairman: Philip E. Mosely, Cornell University

*The Issue of National Separation versus Economic Unity*

Oscar Jaszi, Oberlin College

Discussion: Oscar J. Janowsky, City College, New York; J. P. M. Marsalka, The Library of Congress; John C. de Wilde, Foreign Policy Association

PARLOR TWO, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## VIII

*Australasia*

Chairman: Tyler Dennett, Hague, N. Y.

*The Effect of Dutch Rule on the Civilization of the East Indies*

Amry Vandenbosch, University of Kentucky

*The French Impact on Indo-China*

Thomas E. Ennis, University of West Virginia

*The Independent Development of Modern Thailand*

Kenneth P. Landon, Earlham College

Discussion: Virginia Thompson, Institute of Pacific Relations; John L. Christian, Berkeley, Calif.

MANHATTAN ROOM, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## IX

*The Significance of Local History for Social Scientists*

Chairman: Roy F. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania

*How Can a Social Scientist Utilize Local History?*

Edgar B. Wesley, University of Minnesota, read by Theodore C. Blegen, University of Minnesota

*Lessons From Experience in the Western Pennsylvania Survey*

Leland D. Baldwin, University of Pittsburgh

*The Possibilities of Cooperative Research by Anthropologists and Local Historians*

Fay-Cooper Cole, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE ROOM THREE, 9:30 O'CLOCK

LUNCHEON CONFERENCES

I

*The Historian in Times of Trouble*

Luncheon Conference of the Modern History Group

Chairman: Raymond J. Sontag, Princeton University

*The Age of the Renaissance* [7]

E. Harris Harbison, Princeton University

*The Age of Metternich* [8]

Sherman Kent, Yale University

*The Last Generation* [9]

Richard H. Heindel, University of Pennsylvania

BANQUET ROOM, 12:30 O'CLOCK

II

*New Light on Columbus*

Chairman: Herbert E. Bolton, University of California, Berkeley

*Report on the Harvard Columbus Expedition*

Samuel E. Morison, Harvard University

SALLE MODERNE, 12:30 O'CLOCK

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[7] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[8] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[9] Published in *School and Society*, November 29, 1941.

## Afternoon Sessions

### I

*The Introductory Course in History*[10]

Chairman: John G. Gazley, Dartmouth College

*A. Objectives and Content*

George A. Hedger, University of Cincinnati
Thomas C. Van Cleve, Bowdoin College

*B. Methods*

Paul P. Cram, Harvard University
Reginald F. Arragon, Reed College[11]

Note.—This session was largely made possible by the preparatory work of Prof. Sidney R. Packard of Smith College, who sent out questionnaires to more than 100 institutions and who prepared a careful digest of the returns.

GRAND BALLROOM, 2:30 O'CLOCK

### II

*War and Society in Ancient Greece*

Chairman: Jakob A. O. Larsen, University of Chicago

*Propaganda, Hysteria, and the Peloponnesian War*

Tom B. Jones, University of Minnesota

Discussion, Sterling Dow, Harvard University

CONFERENCE ROOM THREE, 2:30 O'CLOCK

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[10] Mimeographed and distributed in advance of the meeting as a basis for discussion. See note 1.

[11] Published in the *Bulletin of Reed College*, April 1941.

## III

*The Civil Mind in an Armed Society*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the American Military Institute

Chairman: Brigadier General Oliver L. Spaulding, United States Army, Retired

*At the Turning Point in the Study of War* [12]

Hanson W. Baldwin, Military Editor, *The New York Times*

*The Changing Relationship of Civilian and Military Elements in Modern Warfare*

Harvey A. De Weerd, Dennison University [13]

Discussion, Colonel Herman Beukema, United States Military Academy; Herbert Rosinski, Institute for Advanced Study

SALLE MODERNE, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## IV

*Versailles—Past and Future*

Chairman, Arnold Wolfers, Yale University

*Versailles—Past and Future, in the Light of German Historical Opinion* [14]

Walter C. Langsam, Union College

*French Historical Opinion and the Peace of Versailles* [15]

Troyer S. Anderson, Swarthmore College

Discussion, George A. Washburne, Ohio State University; Paul Birdsall, Williams College; René Albrecht-Carrié, New York City

ROOF GARDEN, 2:30 O'CLOCK

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[12] To appear in part in *United We Stand*, a forthcoming Whittlesey House book.
[13] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[14] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[15] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

V

*Some Aspects of the History of Women*

Chairman: C. Mildred Thompson, Vassar College

*The Nurture of Feminism in the United States*

Jeannette P. Nichols, Swarthmore, Pa.

*The Influence of the Mexican Revolution on the Status of Women*

Lillian E. Fisher, Oklahoma College for Women
Discussion, Alma Lutz, Boston, Mass.; Vera Brown Holmes, Smith College

PARLOR TWO, 2:30 O'CLOCK

VI

*The Condition of the People as a Problem of Statesmanship in Great Britain, 1820–50*

Chairman: Frances E. Gillespie, University of Chicago

*New Perspectives on Poverty and Riches*

Cecil H. Driver, Yale University

*Cabinet Members and the Common Man*

Emily Allyn, Wilson College

*Was the New Poor Law Benthamite?*

Richard W. Hale, Jr., Cambridge, Mass.

Discussion, Robert B. Eckles, Ohio University; Chester W. New, McMaster University

PARLOR ONE, 2:30 O'CLOCK

VII

*American Labor History*

Chairman: Norman J. Ware, Wesleyan University

*The Concept of Class in the Development of the American Labor Program*

Selig Perlman, University of Wisconsin

Discussion, Henry David, Queens College; Charles H. Page, City College, New York

HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## VIII

*The French Revolution*

Chairman: Henry E. Bourne, Western Reserve University

*Recent Studies in the History of the French Revolution* [16]

Beatrice F. Hyslop, Hunter College

Discussion, Mitchell B. Garrett, University of North Carolina; John H. Stewart, Western Reserve University

BALLROOM, HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## IX

*The Long Parliament and the Evolution of Religious Toleration*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the American Society of Church History

Chairman: Roland H. Bainton, Yale University

*John Cotton and Roger Williams: Their Controversy in the Light of Religious Developments During the Long Parliament*

Elizabeth F. Hirst, Bard College

*Cromwell and Toleration*

Ethyn Kirby, Providence, R. I.

*Tendencies Toward Religious Integration on the Eve of the Restoration of 1660* [17]

Clyde L. Grose, Northwestern University

CONFERENCE ROOM TWO, 2:30 O'CLOCK

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[16] To be published in *The American Historical Review*, April 1942.
[17] Published in *Church History*, March 1941.

## X

*The Reception of the Doctrine of Evolution in the United States* [18]

Chairman: Dixon Ryan Fox, Union College

*The Impact of the Doctrine of Evolution on America*

Bert J. Loewenberg, University of South Dakota

Discussion:

*Religion*

Dan Williams, Chicago Theological Seminary

*Philosophy*

Gail Kennedy, Amherst College

*Education*

George P. Schmidt, New Jersey College for Women; Richard E. Thursfield, The Johns Hopkins University

*Belles Lettres*

Mentor L. Williams, University of Michigan

*Social Philosophy*

Harry Elmer Barnes, Cooperstown, New York

BANQUET ROOM, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## XI

*A Suggested Program for the Conference of Historical Societies*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies

Chairman: C. C. Crittenden, North Carolina Historical Commission

*Report of the Policy Committee*

Discussion: Edward P. Alexander, New York State Historical Association; Herbert A. Kellar, McCormick Historical Association; Ronald F. Lee, The National Park Service; Ernst Posner, The National Archives; Jean Stephenson, Daughters of the American Revolution; Alexander J. Wall, New York Historical Society

NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CENTRAL PARK WEST AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET, 2:30 O'CLOCK

[18] Mimeographed and distributed in advance of the meeting as a basis for discussion. See note 1.

## Evening Sessions

### I

*Dinner of the Mediaeval Academy of America*

Chairman: William E. Lunt, Haverford College

*The Heretic: A Problem of Minorities in the Middle Ages*

Austin P. Evans, Columbia University

MANHATTAN ROOM, 7 O'CLOCK

### II

*Dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association*

Chairman: Carl Wittke, Oberlin College

*Mr. Dooley: Journalism or Literature?* [19]

Elmer Ellis, University of Missouri

BANQUET ROOM, 7 O'CLOCK

### III

*Historical Aspects of American Bibliography*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Bibliographical Society of America

Chairman: Randolph G. Adams, William L. Clements Library

*John Mein: An Essay in Bibliographical Detection*

John Alden, University of Michigan Library

*The Printing and Publishing Activities of the American Tract Society from 1825 to 1850* [20]

Lawrance Thompson, Princeton University Library

*Alexander S. Taylor, the First California Bibliographer*

Lindley Eberstadt, New York City

*Problems of Nineteenth Century American Bibliography* [21]

Rollo Silver, Brockton, Mass.

THE GROLIER CLUB, 47 EAST SIXTIETH STREET, 8:30 O'CLOCK

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[19] To be published as part of his *Mr. Dooley's America: A Life of Finley Peter Dunne* (Knopf).

[20] To be published in *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America.*

[21] Published in *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America,* First Quarter, 1941.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

MORNING SESSIONS

I

*The Concept of Causation in Historical Studies*

Chairman: Morris R. Cohen, New York City

*Causation in Historical Events*

Frederick J. Teggart, University of California, Berkeley

Discussion, Edward P. Cheyney, University of Pennsylvania; Walter E. Ives, Endicott College; William J. Bossenbrook, Wayne University; Edward C. Kirkland, Bowdoin College.

SALLE MODERNE, 10 O'CLOCK

II

*Regional Influences on American Historiography*

Chairman: E. Merton Coulter, University of Georgia

*New England*

Viola F. Barnes, Mount Holyoke College

*The Middle Atlantic States* [22]

Eric F. Goldman, The Johns Hopkins University

*The South*

Ella Lonn, Goucher College

*The Middle West*

John D. Hicks, University of Wisconsin

*The Far West*

Fulmer Mood, University of Redlands

BANQUET ROOM, 10 O'CLOCK

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[22] Published under the title "Middle States Regionalism and American Historiography: A Suggestion," in Eric F. Goldman, ed., *Historiography and Urbanization: Essays in American History in Honor of W. Stull Holt* (Johns Hopkins Press, 1941).

III

*War and Medieval Society*

Chairman: Joseph R. Strayer, Princeton University

*The Influence of the Mercenary Spirit in Late Medieval Warfare*

Richard A. Newhall, Williams College

Discussion, Brig. Gen. Oliver L. Spaulding, United States Army, Retired; Edgar H. McNeal, Ohio State University; Frederic Duncalf, University of Texas; Dorothy MacKay Quynn, Duke University.

CONFERENCE ROOM TWO, 10 O'CLOCK

IV

*Roman Reformers*

Chairman: T. Robert S. Broughton, Bryn Mawr College

*The Gracchi and Their Historians*

Joseph W. Swain, University of Illinois

Discussion, Solomon Katz, University of Washington

CONFERENCE ROOM THREE, 10 O'CLOCK

V

*Scandinavia and the Problem of Neutrality*

Chairman: John H. Wuorinen, Columbia University

*Norway and Denmark* [23]

Oscar J. Falnes, New York University

*Sweden and Finland* [24]

Andreas Elviken, Temple University

Discussion, Waldemar Westergaard, University of California, Los Angeles; Fritiof Ander, Augustana College.

MANHATTAN ROOM, 10 O'CLOCK

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[23] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[24] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## VI

*Social Conflicts on the Eve of the American Revolution*

Chairman: Verner W. Crane, University of Michigan

*The Artisan Democracy and the American Revolution, with Particular Reference to Massachusetts, 1765–75*

Herbert Morais, Brooklyn College

Discussion, Thomas P. Abernathy, University of Virginia; Max Savelle, Stanford University; Philip Davidson, Agnes Scott College; Carl Bridenbaugh, Brown University

COLONIAL ROOM, HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, 10 O'CLOCK

## VII

*Seventeenth Century Political Institutions*

Chairman: Thad W. Riker, University of Texas

*Monarchical Practices and Republican Theories in the English Commonwealth and Protectorate*

Elmer A. Beller, Princeton University

*The Kingdom of France in the Last Three Centuries of the Ancient Régime Was a Limited Monarchy*

Paul Doolin, Georgetown University

Discussion, Walter Dorn, Ohio State University; Margaret A. Judson, New Jersey College for Women

GREEN ROOM, HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, 10 O'CLOCK

## VIII

*Do Colonies Pay?*

Chairman: William E. Lingelbach, University of Pennsylvania

*The Implications of the Question*[25]

Melvin M. Knight, University of California, Berkeley

Discussion, Mary E. Townsend, Columbia University; Harry R. Rudin, Yale University; Robert G. Woolbert, Council on Foreign Relations

PARLOR ONE, 10 O'CLOCK

## IX

*Diplomacy, Strategy, and Commerce in the Near East*

Chairman: Robert J. Kerner, University of California, Berkeley

*Britain and the Dardenelles, 1807–1940*

Vernon J. Puryear, University of California, Davis

Discussion, John C. Adams, Princeton University; John Hunziker, Bethel College

ROOF GARDEN, 10 O'CLOCK

## X

*The Enlightenment in Latin America*

Chairman: Arthur S. Aiton, University of Michigan

*The Dual Role of Latin America in Relation to the Enlightenment*

Arthur P. Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania

*Traces of the French Enlightenment in Colonial Hispanic America*

Roland D. Hussey, University of California, Los Angeles

*Currents of Inter-American Thought Arising from the Enlightenment in Spanish America*

Harry Bernstein, City College, New York

*The Reception of the Enlightenment in the Spanish Colonies*

John Tate Lanning, Duke University

PARLOR TWO, 10 O'CLOCK

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[25] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## XI

*Agencies for the Professional Growth of Teachers*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the National Council for the Social Studies

Chairman: Erling M. Hunt, Columbia University

*Experimenting with New Method and Organization*

Richard H. McFeeley, George School, Bucks County, Pa.

*Adapting the Radio to the Classroom* [26]

Allen Y. King, Public Schools, Cleveland

*The Popularization of Scholarship*

Donald Slesinger, New York City

Discussion, William Van Til, Ohio State University

GRAND BALLROOM, 10 O'CLOCK

LUNCHEON CONFERENCES

## I

*The Training of Graduate Students* [27]

Chairman: Winfred T. Root, State University of Iowa

*Graduate Training in History* [28]

A. Howard Meneely, Dartmouth College

Discussion, H. Stuart Hughes, Brown University; John B. Wolf, University of Missouri; Foster R. Dulles, Swarthmore College; William B. Hamilton, Duke University

SALLE MODERNE, 1 O'CLOCK

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[26] To appear in *Social Education.*

[27] Mimeographed and distributed in advance of the meeting as a basis for discussion. See note 1.

[28] Published in *Social Education,* January 1941.

II

*Luncheon Conference on Far Eastern History*

Chairman: Owen Lattimore, Walter Hines Page School of International Relations

*Japan in Historical Perspective*

Sir George Sansom, Visiting Professor, Columbia University

ROOF GARDEN, 1 O'CLOCK

III

*Luncheon of the Editorial Staffs*

Chairman: William Reitzel, Historical Society of Pennsylvania

*Present and Possible Standards of Taste in the Printing of Historical Periodicals*

Carl P. Rollins, Yale University Press

PARLOR ONE, 1 O'CLOCK

IV

*Luncheon of the National Council for the Social Studies*

Chairman: Howard R. Anderson, Cornell University

*Pan America and the World Crisis* [29]

J. Fred Rippy, University of Chicago

HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND 34TH STREET, 1 O'CLOCK

AFTERNOON SESSION

*Business Meeting of the American Historical Association*

GRAND BALLROOM, 3:30 O'CLOCK

[29] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

EVENING SESSION

*Dinner of the American Historical Association*

Toastmaster: Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZES

Presidential Address, *The Quality of Distinction*,[30] Max Farrand, The Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery

GRAND BALLROOM, 7 O'CLOCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

*The Jesuits, Liberalism, and Organized Anti-Catholicism a Century Ago*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the American Catholic Historical Association

Chairman: Wilfrid J. Parsons, S. J., Catholic University of America

*The Jesuits and Liberalism a Century Ago* [31]

Raymond J. Corrigan, S. J., St. Louis University

*Organized Anti-Catholicism, 1830–60*

Ray A. Billington, Smith College

KEATING HALL, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, 3 O'CLOCK

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[30] Published in *The American Historical Review*, April 1941.
[31] To be expanded into a volume for the Christendom Series.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

MORNING SESSIONS

I

*The Democratization of War*

Chairman: Franklin C. Palm, University of California, Berkeley

*The Army and the Railway Revolution*[32]

Thomas H. Thomas, Cambridge, Mass.

*Social Aspects of Conscription—Europe's Experience*[33]

Col. Herman Beukema, United States Military Academy

Discussion, Hoffman Nickerson, Oyster Bay, N. Y.; Hans Speier, New School of Social Research

SALLE MODERNE, 9:30 O'CLOCK

II

*American Isolation*

Chairman: Samuel Flagg Bemis, Yale University

*Traditional Factors in Contemporary American Foreign Policy*

Albert K. Weinberg, Institute for Advanced Study

*The Failure of Isolation*[34]

D. F. Fleming, Vanderbilt University

*American Leadership in the Non-Totalitarian World*[35]

Benjamin H. Williams, University of Pittsburgh

GRAND BALLROOM, 9:30 O'CLOCK

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[32] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[33] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[34] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[35] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## III

*Standards of Living of Russian Industrial Workers in Peace, War, and Revolution*

Chairman: André Lobanov-Rostovsky, University of California, Los Angeles

*From 1907 to 1916* [36]

Mose L. Harvey, Emory University

*From 1916 to 1919* [37]

Merrill Spalding, Stanford University

Discussion, Samuel N. Harper, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE ROOM TWO, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## IV

*The Renaissance Re-examined*

Chairman: Ferdinand Schevill, University of Chicago

*New Light on the Renaissance*

Wallace K. Ferguson, New York University

Discussion, Leona C. Gabel, Smith College; August C. Krey, University of Minnesota; Franklin L. Baumer, Yale University; Lester K. Born, Silver Spring, Md.; Friedrich Engel-Janosi, The Johns Hopkins University

ROOF GARDEN, 9:30 O'CLOCK

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[36] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[37] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## V

*The Radicalism of the American West*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association

Chairman: Frederic L. Paxson, University of California, Berkeley

*To What Extent Was the West a Radical Force, 1865–92?*

Discussion: Robert E. Riegel, Dartmouth College; Louis Pelzer, State University of Iowa; James A. Barnes, Temple University; Albert K. Kohlmeier, Indiana University; Chester McA. Destler, Southern Georgia Teachers College

BANQUET ROOM, 9:30 O'CLOCK

## VI

*The City's Stake in Agriculture*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Agricultural History Society

Discussion Leader: Arthur M. Schlesinger, Harvard University

*The Farm Woman as a Factor in the Democratic State*

Louise Stanley, United States Department of Agriculture

*The Migration from the Country to the City* [38]

Conrad Taeuber, United States Department of Agriculture

MANHATTAN ROOM, 9:30 O'CLOCK

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[38] To be published in *Agricultural History*.

## VII

*American Science*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the History of Science Society

Chairman: Henry E. Sigerist, The Johns Hopkins University

*Early French Scientific Expeditions to America*[39]

John W. Olmstead, University of California, Los Angeles

*Literature Relating to the History of Mathematics in the United States*

Louis C. Karpinski, University of Michigan

*Doctors, Drugs, and Dentists in Pioneer Iowa*[40]

William J. Peterson, State University of Iowa

PARLOR TWO, 9:30 O'CLOCK

LUNCHEON CONFERENCES

## I

*The Historian and the Larger Public*

Chairman: Guy Stanton Ford, University of Minnesota

*The Usefulness of Useless History*[41]

Robert L. Schuyler, Editor of *The American Historical Review*

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[39] To be published in *Isis*.
[40] To be published in *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics*.
[41] Published in *Political Science Quarterly*, March 1941.

*The Historian and the General Reader*

Henry F. Pringle, Columbia University

ROOF GARDEN, 12:30 O'CLOCK

II

*The Latin American History Group*

Chairman: Dana G. Munro, Princeton University

*Archaeology and History in the Valley of Mexico*

George C. Vaillant, American Museum of Natural History

SALLE MODERNE, 12:30 O'CLOCK

III

*The Society of American Archivists*

Chairman: Waldo G. Leland, American Council of Learned Societies

*The Useful Past*

W. Rex Crawford, University of Pennsylvania

PARLOR ONE, 12:30 O'CLOCK

IV

*The Agricultural History Society*

Chairman: Wendell H. Stephenson, Louisiana State University

*The Role of Agriculture in the Modern Democratic State*

Milburn L. Wilson, United States Department of Agriculture

HOTEL McALPIN, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREET, 12:30 O'CLOCK

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

I

*Russian Historiography*

Chairman: Harold H. Fisher, Stanford University

*Kliuchevskii, His Work, His Criticism, and His Critics* [42]

Michael M. Karpovich, Harvard University

Discussion, Albert Parry, Chicago

*Pokrovskii, His Work, His Criticism, and His Critics*

D. Fedotov White, Merion, Pa.

Discussion, Thomas R. Hall, Roanoke, Va.

CONFERENCE ROOM ONE, 2:30 O'CLOCK

II

*War and Society in Early Modern Europe*

Chairman: Warner F. Woodring, Ohio State University

*The Civil War and Its Impact on English Society*

Alexander Thomson, Wesleyan University

*"Political Costs" of War in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* [43]

Frederic C. Lane, The Johns Hopkins University

Discussion, Willson H. Coates, University of Rochester; John M. Potter, Harvard University

PARLOR TWO, 2:30 O'CLOCK

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[42] To be published in the new *Slavonic Review*.

[43] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

## III

*War and Industrial Society in Twentieth Century Europe*

Chairman: Donald G. Barnes, Western Reserve University

*War and the Origin of Modern Dictatorship* [44]

Arthur Rosenberg, Brooklyn College

*War and Economic Institutions* [45]

Easton Rothwell, Reed College

*The Effect of War on Intellectual and Artistic Life*

Paula R. Anderson, Washington, D. C.

MANHATTAN ROOM, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## IV

*War and the Transition from Feudalism to Industrialism in Japan*

Chairman: George H. Blakeslee, Clark University

*War and the Development of Japanese Feudalism*

Edwin O. Reischauer, Harvard University

*War and the Rise of Industrialism in Japan* [46]

Hugh Borton, Columbia University

*The Effect of Recent Wars on the Economic and Social Structure of Japan* [47]

William W. Lockwood, American Committee for International Studies

Discussion, William M. McGovern, Northwestern University; Paul H. Clyde, Duke University; Harold J. Noble, University of Oregon

CONFERENCE ROOM TWO, 2:30 O'CLOCK

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[44] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[45] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[46] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).
[47] Published in *War as a Social Institution* (see note 3).

V

*The Southern "Demagogue"*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Southern Historical Association

Chairman: Frank L. Owsley, Vanderbilt University

Discussion: Dan M. Robison, Vanderbilt University; Roger W. Schugg, Princeton University; Frances B. Simkins, Virginia State Teachers College at Farmville; H. Clarence Nixon, Vanderbilt University; Thomas D. Clark, University of Kentucky

GRAND BALLROOM, 2:30 O'CLOCK

VI

*Historical New York*

Joint Session of the American Historical Association and the Business Historical Society

Chairman: N. S. B. Gras, Harvard University

*The Development of Metropolitan Economy*

Robert G. Albion, Princeton University

Discussion: Virginia D. Harrington, Brooklyn College; Lewis Mumford, Amenia, N. Y.; Ralph W. Hidy, Wheaton College

BANQUET ROOM, 2:30 O'CLOCK

VII

*The Romantic Movement in Western Europe in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century*

General Session

Chairman: Carlton J. H. Hayes, Columbia University

*The Meaning of Romanticism for the Historian of Ideas* [48]

Arthur O. Lovejoy, The Johns Hopkins University

*The Romantic Counter-Revolution in Germany*

Eugene N. Anderson, American University

ROOF GARDEN, 2:30 O'CLOCK

[48] To be published in *The Journal of the History of Ideas.*

Special Sessions

*English Romanticism*

Chairman: Chester H. Kirby, Brown University

*Romanticism and the Religious Revival in England*

Hoxie N. Fairchild, Hunter College

Discussion: Charles H. Lyttle, Meadville Theological School; John H. Randall, Columbia University; F. W. Buckler, Oberlin College

ROOF GARDEN, 3:30 O'CLOCK

*German Romanticism*

Chairman: Louis L. Snyder, City College, New York

*Romanticism and Economic Organization in Germany*

Goetz Briefs, Georgetown University

Discussion: Ernest J. Knapton, Wheaton College; Felix Gilbert, Institute for Advanced Study; Richard H. Bauer, Mary Washington College

FOYER OF THE ROOF GARDEN, 3:30 O'CLOCK

*French Romanticism*

Chairman: J. Salwyn Schapiro, City College, New York

*Romantic Historiography as a Political Force in France*

Jacques Barzun, Columbia University

Discussion, Sherman Kent, Yale University; Charles H. Van Duzer, Queens College; Edgar P. Dean, Council on Foreign Relations

SALLE MODERNE, 3:30 O'CLOCK

VIII

*The Value of the Pierpont Morgan Library to the Cultural Historian*

Introductory Remarks: Belle da Costa Greene, The Pierpont Morgan Library

*The Pierpont Morgan Library and its Importance to the Student of Cultural History*

Lawrence C. Wroth, The John Carter Brown Library

THE PIERPONT MORGAN LIBRARY, 33 EAST THIRTY-SIXTH STREET, 2:30 O'CLOCK

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, AT 3:30 P. M. ON DECEMBER 28, 1940

President Max Farrand presided. Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer presented his report.[1] Upon motion it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The Executive Secretary reported statistics on membership and read the list of those members who had died during the year.[2]

The Executive Secretary presented to the meeting a recommendation from the Council that the Association meet in the city of Washington, D. C., in the year 1942. Upon motion the recommendation was adopted.[3]

The Executive Secretary also presented the nomination of the Council of Mr. Stanton Griffis for reelection to the Board of Trustees for a term of 5 years. The meeting voted to reelect Mr. Griffis.

The Executive Secretary presented an abbreviated report of the activities of the American Council of Learned Societies during the calendar year 1940.

The Executive Secretary made a report which referred briefly to his annual report to be printed in *The American Historical Review* for April 1941,[4] and, in view of the approaching end of his term of office, presented a summary of the work of the Association during the 8 years of his service.

Mr. Richard A. Newhall, of Williams College, presented the following resolution:

Inasmuch as the National Association of Manufacturers, recently meeting in New York City, has announced the undertaking of a study of the public school textbooks in use throughout the country to discover which ones, if any, are prejudicial to our form of government, our society, or to the system of free enterprise,

The officers of the American Historical Association are hereby instructed to offer to the National Association of Manufacturers the cooperation of the American Historical Association in making this study and in deciding which textbooks are in fact prejudicial. They are further instructed to invite the officers of the American Political Science Association and the American Economic Association to offer similiar cooperation.

If by any chance the National Association of Manufacturers should decline this cooperation, the officers of the American Historical Association are instructed to arrange for a study of the textbooks above-mentioned, either in conjunction with the political scientists and economists, or by this Association alone, and the members of this Association, in any case, offer their individual and personal assistance in helping to make such study.

This resolution was amended so as to provide that the whole question be referred to the Executive Committee of the Council with power to act. Upon motion this amended resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Raymond J. Sontag presented the following resolution:

Moved, That the Council be requested to investigate the possibility of establishing a placement bureau under the auspices of the Association.

Moved, That the Council establish a placement bureau under the auspices of the Association if, after investigation, the Council finds such a bureau feasible.

Upon motion this resolution was carried.

Mr. Howard K. Beale reported for the Nominating Comittee that Mr. Benjamin B. Kendrick, of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greens-

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[1] See pp. 42 ff.

[2] See pp. 56 ff.

[3] This subsequently proved impossible because of war conditions.

[4] Appearing on pp. 738 ff. of that issue.

boro, and Mr. Raymond J. Sontag, of Princeton University, had been elected by mail ballot to the Council, and that Mr. Thomas A. Bailey, of Stanford University, Miss Ella Lonn, of Goucher College, and Mr. Howard Robinson, of Oberlin College, had been elected to the Nominating Committee. He further reported the following nominations: For President, Mr. James Westfall Thompson, Professor Emeritus of the University of California; for First Vice President, Mr. Arthur M. Schlesinger, of Harvard University; for Second Vice President, Miss Nellie Neilson, of Mount Holyoke College; for Treasurer, Mr. Solon J. Buck, of The National Archives. In accordance with the Bylaws, ballots were distributed. Upon motion the Executive Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the officers as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Beale made some comments upon the work of the Nominating Committee. He suggested that some more adequate provision should be made for the expenses of the Nominating Committee, and he pointed out that the time provided in the Bylaws for the work of the Committee was inadequate. He proposed the following resolution, which, upon motion, was carried unanimously:

Moved, That the Constitution and/or Bylaws should be so amended as to permit the sending out of the nominating ballot by April 1, and the requiring of its return by July 1; that this resolution should be regarded as notice for official action at next year's meeting, if such notice were required, and that the Executive Council should, insofar as it has the power, put this new rule into effect at once.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned at 6 p. m.

CONYERS READ,
*Executive Secretary.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1940

The financial assets of the American Historical Association on August 31, 1940, amounted to $268,903.97. Of that sum, $213,008.28 constitute the capital funds of the Association, which are in the custody of the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York and are managed by it under the direction of the Board of Trustees. Of that amount $131,215.00 are credited to various special funds, leaving only $81,793.28, the income from which is unrestricted. The cash on hand in checking and savings accounts amounts to $55,895.69 of which sum $51,213.96 is restricted, leaving only $4,681.73 available for general purposes. The unrestricted balances in the custody of the Treasurer amounted to $4,391.45, and the balance in the operating account of the Executive Secretary amounted to $290.28. The total of unrestricted funds, including both capital and expendable sums, amounted to $86,475.01; and that of restricted funds amounted to $182,428.96.

The expendable funds of the Association are administered through a general account, five special accounts, and four operating accounts. The general account includes, however, a number of special funds and grants, which are segregated from the unrestricted funds only by bookkeeping. The balances in this account are kept partly in a savings account and partly in a checking account, and transfers are made from one to the other as occasion arises. The balances in the special accounts are separately deposited, four in savings accounts and one in a checking account. The operating accounts are not administered by the Treasurer, but the funds for them are supplied from the

general or special accounts and, as a rule, their receipts are transmitted to the Treasurer for deposit in the appropriate accounts.

The following tables present a condensed exhibit of the financial transactions of the Association during the year. The statement for the general fund is broken down into unrestricted funds and the various special funds and grants, and for the unrestricted funds the items for 1938–39 are included for purposes of comparison. Statements for the special accounts and the operating accounts follow, and there are a number of summaries. The statement for the unrestricted funds shows an apparent excess of income over expenditures for 1938–39, but had the check referred to in the footnote below been received on time, the expenditures would have exceeded the income by $128.86. It is disturbing to note that expenditures exceeded income for 1939–40 by $1,458.19. This situation is due in part to a decline in income and in part to an increase in expenditures. It should be noted, however, that most of the increase in expenditures by the Washington office resulted from the decision to charge the expenses of soliciting advertising for, printing, and distributing the program to that office. That increase is more than offset by the decrease in the expenses charged to "annual meetings" and the income from advertising.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited by F. W. Lafrentz & Co., certified Public Accountants; and their report, with the exhibits omitted, is reproduced herewith. The complete report is on file in the Washington office of the Association where it may be examined by any interested member. The operating account of the Committee on Americana for College Libraries has been audited by Price, Waterhouse & Co., Detroit; and the other operating accounts have been audited and certified to be correct by members of the Association appointed by the President for that purpose, as follows: The accounts of the Executive Secretary and the Radio Committee, by Roy F. Nichols and Leonidas Dodson; and the account of *Social Education*, by Carlton J. H. Hayes and John A. Krout. Reports of these audits are also on file and available for inspection in the Washington office.

The last item presented is the report of the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1940, which was submitted by Shepard Morgan, Chairman of the Board.

SOLON J. BUCK, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL ACCOUNT

*Comparative statement for 1938–39 and 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of unrestricted funds*

| Receipts: | 1938–39 | 1939–40 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand | $2,260.72 | $5,849.64 |
| Annual dues | 15,880.88 | 14,584.61 |
| Registration fees | 1,017.00 | 1,072.00 |
| Interest | 3,639.78 | 3,869.73 |
| *American Historical Review* | 9,144.50 | [1] 5,531.37 |
| Royalties | 369.86 | 124.22 |
| Advertising | ——— | 876.57 |
| Miscellaneous | 15.47 | 6.25 |
| Total | 32,328.21 | 31,914.39 |

See note on next page.

*Comparative statement for 1938–39 and 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of unrestricted funds*—Continued

| Disbursements: | 1938–39 | 1939–40 |
|---|---|---|
| Office of the Secretary and Treasurer | $4,363.52 | $5,402.15 |
| Office of the Executive Secretary | 4,400.00 | 4,400.00 |
| Council and Council committees | 474.29 | 605.64 |
| Membership Committee | 22.85 | 27.18 |
| Committee on Historical Source Materials | ——— | 78.22 |
| Annual meetings | 423.05 | 258.33 |
| *Review*—editorial expense | 6,700.00 | 6,699.35 |
| *Review*—copies for members | 8,707.00 | 8,802.07 |
| *Writings on American History* | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| *International Bibliography of the Historical Sciences* | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| American Council of Learned Societies—dues | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| *Annual Report*—editorial expense | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| Pacific Coast Branch | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| *The Constitution Reconsidered* | 137.86 | ——— |
| Total | 26,478.57 | 27,522.94 |
| Balance | 5,849.64 | 4,391.45 |
| | 32,328.21 | 31,914.39 |

Note—The difference between this sum and the receipts of a year ago is explained by the fact that the check for the Association's share of *Review* profits for the year ending July 15, 1938, was not received until after the close of the fiscal year 1937–38. If that check had been received before September 1, 1938, the total of *Review* receipts for the fiscal year 1938–39 would have been $5,426.72, as compared with $5,531.37 for 1939–40.

*Statement of receipts and disbursements for 1939–40 of special funds and grants included in the general account*

| Endowment fund: | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|
| Contribution | $1.00 | |
| Life membership dues | 100.00 | |
| Invested | ——— | $101.00 |
| | 101.00 | 101.00 |
| Andrew D. White Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 94.85 | |
| Interest | 42.00 | |
| Dues for 1940 to International Committee | ——— | 42.69 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | ——— | 94.16 |
| | 136.85 | 136.85 |
| George Louis Beer Prize Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 270.25 | |
| Interest | 224.00 | |
| Prize of 1939 | ——— | 240.00 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | ——— | 254.25 |
| | 494.25 | 494.25 |

*Statement of receipts and disbursements for 1939–40 of special funds and grants included in the general account*—Continued

| | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|
| John H. Dunning Prize Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $40.14 | |
| Interest | 73.50 | |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | $113.64 |
| | | |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | $113.64 |
| Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 153.58 | |
| Contributions | 63.50 | |
| Expenses | | 2.60 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 214.48 |
| | 217.08 | 217.08 |
| *Writings on American History Index:* | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 496.40 | |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 496.40 |
| | 496.40 | 496.40 |
| J. Franklin Jameson Fund (*Writings on American History*): | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 60.85 | |
| Interest | 84.70 | |
| Contribution from unrestricted funds | 600.00 | |
| Other contributions | 1,404.50 | |
| Expenses | | 2,078.44 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 71.61 |
| | 2,150.05 | 2,150.05 |
| Radio Committee: | | |
| Grant from the Keith Fund | 1,100.00 | |
| Grant from National Broadcasting Co | 5,976.00 | |
| Transferred to operating account | | 7,076.00 |
| | 7,076.00 | 7,076.00 |
| *List of Doctoral Dissertations:* | | |
| Grant from Carnegie Institution of Washington, Division of Historical Research, on hand Sept. 1, 1939 | 300.00 | |
| Expenses | | 300.00 |
| | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Special accounts: | | |
| Interest | 4,168.32 | |
| Transfers | | 4,168.32 |
| | 4,168.32 | 4,168.32 |

*Summary statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of funds in the general account*

| | | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939: | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | $5,849.64 | | |
| Special funds and grants | 1,416.07 | | |
| | | $7,265.71 | |
| Income: | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 26,064.75 | | |
| Special funds and grants | 9,669.20 | | |
| | | 35,733.95 | |
| Expenditures and transfers: | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 27,522.94 | | |
| Special funds and grants | 9,840.73 | | |
| | | | $37,363.67 |
| Balances, Aug. 31, 1940: | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 4,391.45 | | |
| Special funds and grants | 1,244.54 | | 5,635.99 |
| Total | | 42,999.66 | 42,999.66 |
| Interest received and transferred to special accounts | | 4,168.32 | 4,168.32 |
| Grand total, general account | | 47,167.98 | 47,167.98 |

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

*Statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements*

| Americana for College Libraries: | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $3,870.65 | |
| From the McGregor Fund | 13,804.94 | |
| From participating colleges | 8,000.00 | |
| Transferred to operating account | | $24,262.44 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 1,413.15 |
| | 25,675.59 | 25,675.59 |
| Carnegie Revolving Fund for Publications: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 6,584.06 | |
| Interest | 90.99 | |
| Royalties | 2,509.69 | |
| Grant toward publication costs: American Council of Learned Societies | 500.00 | |
| Printing and storage | | 1,621.44 |
| Committee expenses | | 60.30 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 8,003.00 |
| | 9,684.74 | 9,684.74 |

*Statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements*—Continued

| | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|
| Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $17,934.37 | |
| Interest | 3,490.11 | |
| Royalties | 1,101.33 | |
| Editorial and publication expenses | | $865.39 |
| Committee expenses | | 241.16 |
| Membership dues for contributors | | 390.00 |
| Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Prize | | 220.00 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 20,809.26 |
| | 22,525.81 | 22,525.81 |
| Littleton-Griswold Fund: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 7,069.71 | |
| Interest | 964.73 | |
| Sales of publications | 10.50 | |
| Editorial and publication expenses | | 222.26 |
| Committee expenses | | 40.06 |
| Membership dues for contributor | | 5.00 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 7,777.62 |
| | 8,044.94 | 8,044.94 |
| *Social Education:* | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 9,944.42 | |
| Interest | 111.33 | |
| Royalties | 991.55 | |
| Subscriptions and advertising | 4,875.05 | |
| Royalty payments to authors of report of Commission on the Social Studies | | 280.63 |
| Transferred to operating account | | 7,188.89 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 8,452.83 |
| | 15,922.35 | 15,922.35 |
| Summary of special accounts: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 45,403.21 | |
| Income including transfers | 36,450.22 | |
| Expenditures and transfers | | 35,397.57 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 46,455.86 |
| Total | 81,853.43 | 81,853.43 |

GENERAL SUMMARY

*Summary statement for 1939–40 of funds in the general account and the special accounts*

| | | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939: | | | |
| General account | $7,265.71 | | |
| Special accounts | 45,403.21 | | |
| | | $52,668.92 | |

*Summary statement for 1939–40 of funds in the general account and the special accounts*—Continued

| | | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|---|
| Income: | | | |
| General account | $35,733.95 | | |
| Special accounts | 36,450.22 | | |
| | 72,184.17 | | |
| Less duplication | 995.00 | | |
| | | $71,189.17 | |
| Expenditures and transfers: | | | |
| General account | 37,363.67 | | |
| Special accounts | 35,397.57 | | |
| | 72,761.24 | | |
| Less duplication | 995.00 | | |
| | | | $71,766.24 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940: | | | |
| General account | 5,635.99 | | |
| Special accounts | 46,455.86 | | |
| | | | 52,091.85 |
| Total | | 123,858.09 | 123,858.09 |

OPERATING ACCOUNTS

*Statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of accounts not handled by the Treasurer*

| | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|
| Office of the Executive Secretary: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $166.93 | |
| Transferred from general account | 4,400.00 | |
| Salaries | ------ | $3,000.00 |
| Travel | ------ | 108.95 |
| Rent | ------ | 480.00 |
| Office expenses | ------ | 687.70 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | ------ | 290.28 |
| | 4,566.93 | 4,566.93 |
| *Social Education:* | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 811.11 | |
| Transferred from special account | 7,188.89 | |
| Reprints | 11.85 | |
| Salaries | ------ | 5,400.00 |
| Office assistant | ------ | 42.63 |
| Review assistant | ------ | 100.00 |
| Advertising assistant | ------ | 720.00 |
| Travel | ------ | 123.75 |
| Office expenses | ------ | 583.25 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | ------ | 1,042.22 |
| | 8,011.85 | 8,011.85 |

*Statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of accounts not handled by the Treasurer*—Continued

| | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|
| Radio Committee: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $753.18 | |
| Transferred from general account | 7,076.00 | |
| Honoraria to historians | | $1,190.00 |
| Fee to broadcaster | | 3,600.00 |
| Historical director | | 1,357.50 |
| Stenographic services | | 432.00 |
| Travel | | 44.35 |
| Office expenses | | 375.69 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 829.64 |
| | 7,829.18 | 7,829.18 |
| Committee on Americana for College Libraries: | | |
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | 1,149.50 | |
| Transferred from special account | 24,262.44 | |
| From sales of books | 47.25 | |
| Refund | 3.00 | |
| Books and repairs | | 17,612.25 |
| Salaries | | 4,500.00 |
| Other expenses | | 1,708.24 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 1,641.70 |
| | 25,462.19 | 25,462.19 |

FINANCIAL ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Securities as appraised Aug. 31, 1940 | | 213,008.28 |
| Credited to— | | |
| Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund | $94,095.00 | |
| Littleton-Griswold Fund | 25,000.00 | |
| Andrew D. White Fund | 1,200.00 | |
| George Louis Beer Fund | 6,400.00 | |
| John H. Dunning Fund | 2,100.00 | |
| J. Franklin Jameson Fund | 2,420.00 | |
| | | 131,215.00 |
| Unrestricted | | 81,793.28 |
| Cash in checking and savings accounts | | 55,895.69 |
| Special accounts | 46,455.86 | |
| Credited to special funds | 1,244.54 | |
| Operating accounts, restricted | 3,803.84 | |
| | | 51,504.24 |
| Unrestricted | | 4,391.45 |

*Summary*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unrestricted funds: | | |
| Securities | $81,793.28 | |
| Cash in the custody of the Treasurer | 4,391.45 | |
| Cash in the custody of the Executive Secretary | 290.28 | |
| | | 86,475.01 |

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*Statement for 1939–40 of receipts and disbursements of accounts not handled by the Treasurer*—Continued

| | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|
| Restricted funds: | | |
| Securities | $131,215.00 | |
| Cash in the custody of the Treasurer | 47,700.40 | |
| Cash in operating accounts | 3,513.56 | |
| | | $182,428.86 |
| Total | | 268,903.97 |

## REPORT ON EXAMINATION

October 2, 1940.

American Historical Association,
*Washington, D. C.*

Dear Sirs: We have made an examination of your accounts from September 1, 1939, to August 31, 1940, inclusive, and submit herewith our report including exhibits and schedules as listed in the index.

### Cash Receipts and Disbursements

A summary of the cash receipts and disbursements covering the general account, general account—special funds and grants, and special accounts, as detailed on Exhibits A, B, and C, is presented as follows:

| | Exhibit A, General Account | Exhibit B, Special Funds and Grants | Exhibit C, Special Accounts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance at Sept. 1, 1939 | $5,849.64 | $1,416.07 | $45,403.21 |
| Receipts | 26,064.75 | 9,669.20 | 36,450.22 |
| | 31,914.39 | 11,085.27 | 81,853.43 |
| Disbursements | 27,522.94 | 9,840.73 | 35,397.57 |
| Balance at Aug. 31, 1940 | 4,391.45 | 1,244.54 | 46,455.86 |

Recorded cash receipts were accounted for in bank deposits and cash disbursements, according to the records, were supported by cancelled checks and approved vouchers.

The cash on deposit with the Union Trust Co. to the credit of the above accounts or funds, amounting to $52,091.85 at August 31, 1940, was reconciled with the bank statements and pass books and confirmed by correspondence with the depository. A summary of these accounts is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Checking account | $4,548.08 | |
| Savings account—general | 1,087.91 | |
| | | $5,635.99 |
| Savings account: | | |
| No. 5 | | 20,809.26 |
| No. 6 | | 7,777.62 |
| No. 7 | | 8,452.83 |
| No. 8 | | 8,003.00 |
| Special checking account | | 1,413.15 |
| Total | | 52,091.85 |

INVESTMENTS

A summary of the transactions made by the Fiduciary Trust Co. of New York for your account from September 1, 1939, to August 31, 1940, inclusive, as detailed on Schedule No. 1, is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash balance at Sept. 1, 1939 | $2,216.93 |
| Add: Receipts | 56,720.94 |
| | 58,937.87 |
| Deduct: Disbursements | 51,800.09 |
| Cash balance at Aug. 31, 1940 | 7,137.78 |

A summary of the purchases and sales of securities by the Fiduciary Trust Co. of New York for your account from September 1, 1939, to August 31, 1940, as detailed on Schedule No. 2, is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Securities on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $220,931.05 |
| Add: Purchases | 39,274.15 |
| | 260,205.20 |
| Deduct: Sales | 45,812.35 |
| Securities at Aug. 31, 1940 | 214,392.85 |

A summary of all securities in the hands of the Fiduciary Trust Co. of New York at August 31, 1940, in accordance with statements and records submitted to us by your Association, computed at par and book value, as detailed in Schedule No. 3, is as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bonds: | | |
| Interest paying (par value) | $123,000.00 | |
| In default of interest (par value) | 5,000.00 | |
| | | $128,000.00 |
| Stocks: | | |
| Preferred (book value) | 20,349.00 | |
| Common (book value) | 66,043.85 | |
| | | 86,392.85 |
| Total | | 214,392.85 |

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

Interest on investments was accounted for with the exception of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co.'s 4½% bonds which were $937.50 in arrears at August 31, 1940. The total net income received from securities by the Fiduciary Trust Co. and transmitted to your Association during the period under review amounted to $8,440.53, as may be noted on Schedule No. 1.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. LAFRENTZ & Co.
*Certified Public Accountants.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 15, 1940.

To the TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

SIR: I submit herewith a report of the Board of Trustees of the American Historical Association for the financial year ended August 31, 1940.

The securities held in trust for the Association on that date were as follows:

*Bond account*

| | Amounts based on Aug. 31, 1940, quotations | Estimated annual income |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. Government bonds: | | |
| $8,000 Treasury bonds, 2½ percent, due 1945 | $8,640.00 | $200 |
| Railroad bonds: | | |
| $5,000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. general mortgage, series E, 4½ percent, due 1989, not paying | 1,300. 0 | |
| $5,000 Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., first and refunding mortgage, series A, guaranteed 4 percent, due 1961 | 5,250.00 | 200 |
| $5,000 Pennsylvania R. R. Co. general mortgage, series D, 4¼ percent, due 1981 | 4,900.00 | 213 |
| $10,000 Southern Pacific Co., 4½ percent, due 1981 | 4,200.00 | 450 |
| Public utility bonds: | | |
| $10,000 American Gas & Electric Co. debenture, 3½ percent, due 1960 | 10,900.00 | 350 |
| $7,000 Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc., consolidated mortgage, 3¼ percent, due 1966 | 7,630.00 | 227 |
| $10,000 Commonwealth Edison Co. convertible debenture, 3½ percent, due 1958 | 12,300.00 | 350 |
| $10,000 Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., debentures, 3¼ percent, due 1946 | 10,600.00 | 325 |
| $7,000 Georgia Power Co. first and refunding mortgage, 5 percent, due 1967 | 7,490.00 | 350 |
| $10,000 North American Co. debentures, 3½ percent, due 1949 | 10,600.00 | 350 |
| $10,000 Union Electric Co. of Missouri notes, 3 percent, due 1942 | 10,300.00 | 300 |
| Industrial bonds: | | |
| $10,000 Continental Oil Co. convertible debentures, 2¾ percent, due 1948 | 10,700.00 | 275 |
| $6,000 National Distillers Products Corporation convertible debentures, 3½ percent, due 1949 | 6,240.00 | 210 |
| $10,000 Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey debentures, 2¾ percent, due 1953 | 10,500.00 | 275 |
| Preferred stocks: | | |
| 50 shares Public Service Corporation of New Jersey 6 percent cumulative preferred, par $100, rate $6 | 6,150.00 | 300 |
| 100 shares E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. $4.50 cumulative preferred, no par, rate $4.50 | 12,300.00 | 450 |
| Miscellaneous stock: | | |
| 6 shares International Match Realization Co., Ltd., V. T. C., par £1, in liquidation | 66.00 | |
| Securities value | 140,066.00 | |
| Principal cash balance | 7,085.44 | |
| Total bond account | 147,151.44 | 4,825 |

*Special account*

| | Amounts based on Aug. 31, 1940, quotations | Estimated annual income |
|---|---|---|
| Railroad bonds: | | |
| $5,000. Mobile & Birmingham R. R. Co. First mortgage 4 percent, due 1945 | $3,350.00 | $200 |
| Preferred stock: | | |
| 50 shares. Electric Bond & Share Co. $6 cumulative preferred, no par. Rate $6 | 3,550.00 | 300 |
| Industrial common stocks: | | |
| 50 shares. United Fruit Co., no par. Rate $4 | 3,250.00 | 200 |
| 40 shares. American Can Co., par $25. Rate $4 | 3,840.00 | 160 |
| 30 shares. Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. B. par $25. Rate $4. $1 extra paid Dec. 1, 1939 | 2,940.00 | 150 |
| 40 shares. Philip Morris & Co. Ltd. Inc., par $10. Rate $3. $2 extra paid March 25, 1940 | 3,080.00 | 200 |
| 100 shares. W. T. Grant Co., par $10. Rate $1.40. 50 cents additional paid Jan. 23, 1940 | 3,300.00 | 190 |
| 100 shares. Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc., no par. Rate irregular; estimated rate $2.75 | 4,200.00 | 275 |
| 50 shares. Loew's Inc., no par. Rate $2 | 1,300.00 | 100 |
| 25 shares. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., par $20. Rate irregular; estimated rate $7 | 4,175.00 | 175 |
| 50 shares. Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation, no par. Rate irregular; estimated rate $2.40 | 3,700.00 | 120 |
| 100 shares. Continental Oil Co., par $5. Rate $1 | 1,800.00 | 100 |
| 50 shares. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey., par $25. Rate $1. 50 cents additional paid June 15, 1940 | 1,750.00 | 75 |
| 50 shares. Texas Corporation, par $25. Rate $2 | 1,800.00 | 100 |
| 25 shares. Chrysler Corporation, par $5. Rate irregular; estimated rate $5 | 1,875.00 | 125 |
| 30 shares. General Motors Corporation, par $10. Rate irregular; estimated rate $4 | 1,440.00 | 120 |
| 30 shares. International Harvester Co., no par. Rate $1.60 | 1,380.00 | 48 |
| 25 shares. Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., par $50. Rate irregular; estimated rate $3.75 | 2,550.00 | 94 |
| 30 shares. Ingersoll Rand Co., no par. Rate irregular; estimated rate $6 | 2,700.00 | 180 |
| 30 shares. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., par $25. Rate irregular; estimated rate $4 | 2,640.00 | 120 |
| 50 shares. Kennecott Copper Corporation, no par. Rate irregular; estimated rate $2 | 1,450.00 | 100 |
| 100 shares. Sperry Corporation V. T. C., par $1. Rate irregular; estimated rate $2 | 3,900.00 | 200 |
| Financial common stocks: | | |
| 10 shares. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, par $100. Rate $12 | 2,650.00 | 120 |
| 80 shares. Commercial Investment Trust Corporation, no par. Rate $4 | 3,120.00 | 320 |
| Securities value | 65,740.00 | |
| Principal cash balance | 116.84 | |
| Total special account | 65,856.84 | 3,772 |
| Total bond account | 147,151.44 | 4,825 |
| Grand total | 213,008.28 | 8,597 |

The securities of the Association are in the custody of the Fiduciary Trust Co. of New York, and are managed by it subject to the approval of the Trustees.

During the year securities at a cost price of $28,571.25 have been purchased for the *Bond Account*, and securities at a sales price of $34,224.01 have been sold from the *Bond Account*. Securities at a cost price of $13,274.15 have been purchased for the *Special Account*, and securities at a sales price of $12,950.14 have been sold from the *Special Account*. A list of these purchases and sales has been filed at the office of the Treasurer of the Association.

The holdings of the American Historical Association as of August 31, 1940 compare with its holdings as of August 31, 1939, as follows:

| | *Value of Principal* | *Income* |
|---|---|---|
| Bond account: | | |
| August 31, 1939 | $143,200.20 | $5,128 |
| August 31, 1940 | 147,151.44 | 4,825 |
| Special account: | | |
| August 31, 1939 | 72,778.65 | 3,618 |
| August 31, 1940 | 65,856.84 | 3,772 |

Although, as will be observed, there had been at the time of the trust company's statement an increase in principal and a decrease in income in the *Bond Account*, and a decrease in principal and a slight increase in income in the *Special Account*, the principal value, investment distribution, and estimated income did not differ markedly from last year. There was, however, a larger amount of uninvested principal cash—in line with the opinion of the Trustees that retention of moderate amounts of cash was preferable to investment under then existing market conditions. Since that time the Trustees, after consideration, authorized the investment in high-grade common stock of practically all the cash in the two accounts, the sale of certain low-income bonds, and the reinvestment of the proceeds in other fixed-income securities. The effect of that action was to increase somewhat the annual income while still in the opinion of the Trustees conserving principal. The *Special Account* remains largely made up of common stocks, with now a slightly increased proportion of preferred stocks.

The market value of the securities held for the Association in both accounts decreased, according to quotations on August 31, 1940, from $215,978.85 to $213,008.28, a decrease for the year of a little over 1 percent. During the same period, the income decreased from $8,746 to $8,597, a decrease of 1⅞ percent.

In accord with accepted principles, the Trustees have given instructions to the Fiduciary Trust Co. to set aside out of each year's income such an amount as is applicable for that year toward the amortization of the premiums on bonds purchased above the redemption price. The charge upon income on this account for the fiscal year was $209.48.

During the fiscal year, the Trustees received from the Association for investment $101.

Charges made by the Fiduciary Trust Co. for the management of securities amounted during the fiscal year to $1,085.80. The brokerage charges on purchases and sales amounted to $180.05. The Board of Trustees itself incurred no expenses in the performance of its services.

SHEPARD MORGAN,
*Chairman.*

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Budgets, 1940–41, 1941–42, unrestricted funds*

[Approved by the Council, Dec. 26, 1940]

| | Actual, 1939–40 | Original, 1940–41 | Revised, 1940–41 | 1941–42 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Annual dues | $14,584.61 | $15,500 | $14,500 | $14,500 |
| Registration fees | 1,072.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Interest | 3,869.73 | 4,000 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Royalties | 124.22 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| *American Historical Review:* | | | | |
| Macmillan, for editorial expenses | 2,400.00 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Profits for years ending— | | | | |
| July 15, 1940 | 3,050.01 | | | |
| July 15, 1941 | | 3,600 | 3,000 | |
| July 15, 1942 | | | | 3,000 |
| From sale of periodicals | 81.36 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Advertising and exhibit space | 876.57 | | 800 | 800 |
| Publications and miscellaneous | 6.25 | 25 | 10 | 10 |
| | 26,064.75 | 26,700 | 25,685 | 25,685 |

*Budgets, 1940–41, 1941–42, unrestricted funds*—Continued

| | Actual, 1939–40 | Original, 1940–41 | Revised, 1940–41 | 1941–42 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Office of Secretary and Treasurer: | | | | |
| Salary of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer | $2,400.00 | $2,400 | $2,400 | ---------- |
| Office assistant | 500.00 | 500 | 500 | ---------- |
| Services of clerk at Smithsonian | 10.00 | 50 | 10 | ---------- |
| Rent | 514.25 | [1] 561 | ---------- | ---------- |
| Stationery, printing, and supplies | 1,156.52 | 675 | [2] 1,000 | ---------- |
| Equipment | 90.70 | 25 | 25 | ---------- |
| Postage | 307.12 | 325 | [3] 500 | ---------- |
| Telephone and telegraph | 47.01 | 60 | 50 | ---------- |
| Bonding Assistant Secretary-Treasurer | 25.00 | 25 | 25 | ---------- |
| Auditor | 125.00 | 125 | 125 | ---------- |
| Contingent and miscellaneous | 226.55 | 325 | 250 | ---------- |
| | 5,402.15 | 5,071 | 4,885 | ---------- |
| *American Historical Review:* | | | | |
| Salary of Editor | 2,500.00 | 2,500 | 2,500 | ---------- |
| Salary of Assistant Editor | 2,400.00 | 2,400 | 2,033 | ---------- |
| Office assistance and other expenses | 1,799.35 | 1,950 | 2,267 | ---------- |
| | 6,699.35 | 6,850 | 6,800 | ---------- |
| Executive Secretary: | | | | |
| Salary of Executive Secretary | 1,500.00 | 1,500 | 1,833 | ---------- |
| Salary of assistant | 1,500.00 | 1,500 | 1,833 | ---------- |
| Expenses | 1,400.00 | 1,400 | [4] 1,500 | ---------- |
| | 4,400.00 | 4,400 | 5,166 | ---------- |
| General administration: [5] | | | | |
| Salary of Executive Secretary and Editor | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | $5,000 |
| Salary of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 2,400 |
| Other salaries and services | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | [6] 5,000 |
| Bonding Assistant Secretary-Treasurer | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 25 |
| Auditing | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 125 |
| Travel | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 100 |
| Office expenses (including stationery, printing, supplies, equipment, postage, telephone, and telegraph) | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | [7] 2,800 |
| Notes contributed to *Review* | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 200 |
| Contingent and miscellaneous | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 250 |
| | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 15,900 |
| Payments to the Macmillan Co. for copies of *Review* supplied to members of the Association | 8,802.07 | 9,000 | 8,700 | 8,700 |
| Historical activities and other expenses: | | | | |
| Pacific Coast Branch | 100.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| *Annual Report* of the Association | 375.00 | 375 | 375 | ---------- |
| Council and Council committees | 605.64 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Membership Committee | 27.18 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Program committees: | | | | |
| Washington, 1939 | 29.75 | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- |
| New York, 1940 | 75.00 | 25 | 25 | ---------- |
| Chicago, 1941 | ---------- | 75 | 75 | 25 |
| Chicago, 1942 | ---------- | ---------- | ---------- | 75 |
| Local arrangements committees | 99.26 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Nominating Committee | 54.32 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Committee on Historical Source Materials | 78.22 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| *Writings on American History* (contribution to J. Franklin Jameson Fund) | 600.00 | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| Dues in American Council of Learned Societies | 75.00 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| *International Bibliography of Historical Sciences* | 100.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 2,219.37 | 2,260 | 2,260 | 1,885 |

[1] At the beginning of the fiscal year 1940–41 the Washington office was moved into rent-free quarters in the Library of Congress Annex.

[2] This item is increased to cover expenses of soliciting advertising for and printing the program for the Annual Meeting.

[3] This item is increased to include the expense of mailing the program for the Annual Meeting. In 1939–40 that expense was charged to "Stationery, printing, and supplies."

[4] Increase of $100 to care for expenses incidental to the transfer of the office to Washington at the end of the year.

[5] Only a tentative allocation of expenses for the combined office of the Executive Secretary, the Managing Editor of the *Review*, the Editor of the *Annual Report*, and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer is feasible at this time.

[6] Comparable expenses in the separate offices amounted to $5,645 for the year 1939–40.

[7] Comparable expenses in the separate offices amounted to $2,623 for the year 1939–40.

*Budgets, 1940–41, 1941–42, unrestricted funds*—Continued

| | Actual, 1939–40 | Original, 1940–41 | Revised, 1940–41 | 1941–42 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISBURSEMENTS—continued | | | | |
| Summary of disbursements: | | | | |
| Office of Secretary and Treasurer | $5,402.15 | $5,071 | $4,885 | |
| *American Historical Review* | 6,699.35 | 6,850 | 6,800 | |
| Executive Secretary | 4,400.00 | 4,400 | 5,166 | |
| General administration | | | | $15,940 |
| Macmillan, for copies of *Review* to members | 8,802.07 | 9,000 | 8,700 | 8,700 |
| Historical activities and other expenses | 2,219.37 | 2,260 | 2,260 | 1,885 |
| | 27,522.94 | 27,581 | 27,811 | 26,525 |

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Balance sheet, 1940–42, estimated*

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1940 | $4,391 |
| Balance Executive Secretary's Office | 290 |
| Receipts, 1940–41 | 25,685 |
| Total available, 1910–41 | 30,366 |
| Expenditures, 1940–41 | 27,811 |
| Balance, Sept. 1, 1941 | 2,555 |
| Receipts, 1941–42 | 25,685 |
| Total available, Sept. 1, 1942 | 28,240 |
| Expenditures, 1941-42 | 26,525 |
| Balance, Sept. 1, 1942 | 1,715 |

## STATISTICS ON MEMBERSHIP

*December 7, 1940*

I. GENERAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total membership: | | |
| Individuals: | | |
| Life | 472 | |
| Annual | 2,716 | |
| Institutions: | | |
| 25-year membership | 6 | |
| Annual | 379 | |
| | | 3,573 |
| Total paid membership, including life members | | 2,642 |
| Delinquent: | | |
| Year ending Feb. 28, 1941 | 7 | |
| Year ending May 31, 1941 | 10 | |
| Year ending Aug. 31, 1941 | 703 | |
| Year ending Nov. 30, 1941 | 211 | |
| | | 931 |
| Loss: | | |
| Deaths | 34 | |
| Resignations | 55 | |
| Dropped | 146 | |
| | | 235 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gain: | | |
| New members | 240 | |
| Former members reentered | 35 | |
| | | 275 |
| Net gain | | 40 |
| Membership, Dec. 7, 1939 | | 3,533 |
| New members and renewals | 275 | |
| Deaths, resignations, etc | 235 | |
| | | 40 |
| Total membership, Dec. 7, 1940 | | 3,573 |

## II. By Regions

| | |
|---|---|
| New England: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | 518 |
| North Atlantic: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia | 1,196 |
| South Atlantic: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia Florida | 236 |
| North Central: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin | 709 |
| South Central: Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia | 126 |
| West Central: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas | 366 |
| Pacific Coast Branch: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii | 319 |
| Territories and Dependencies: Puerto Rico, Alaska, Philippine Islands, Canal Zone | 4 |
| Other countries | 99 |
| | 3,573 |

## III. By States

| | Total membership | New members and renewals, 1939–40 | | Total membership | New members and renewals, 1939–40 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 26 | 4 | New Hampshire | 32 | 1 |
| Alaska | 1 | | New Jersey | 100 | 6 |
| Arizona | 9 | 3 | New Mexico | 8 | |
| Arkansas | 9 | | New York | 533 | 49 |
| California | 209 | 24 | North Carolina | 73 | 9 |
| Canal Zone | | | North Dakota | 9 | 2 |
| Colorado | 25 | 1 | Ohio | 148 | 8 |
| Connecticut | 124 | 12 | Oklahoma | 20 | 1 |
| Delaware | 12 | 1 | Oregon | 13 | 3 |
| District of Columbia | 210 | 17 | Pennsylvania | 255 | 17 |
| Florida | 24 | 3 | Philippines | 2 | 1 |
| Georgia | 26 | 1 | Puerto Rico | 1 | |
| Hawaii | 2 | | Rhode Island | 29 | 2 |
| Idaho | 5 | 1 | South Carolina | 20 | 1 |
| Illinois | 250 | 11 | South Dakota | 5 | 1 |
| Indiana | 135 | 8 | Tennessee | 37 | |
| Iowa | 45 | 1 | Texas | 62 | 2 |
| Kansas | 39 | 2 | Utah | 6 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 32 | 1 | Vermont | 10 | |
| Louisiana | 20 | 2 | Virginia | 93 | 14 |
| Maine | 16 | | Washington | 30 | 4 |
| Maryland | 86 | 11 | West Virginia | 18 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 307 | 22 | Wisconsin | 77 | 3 |
| Michigan | 99 | 6 | Wyoming | 3 | |
| Minnesota | 71 | 5 | Canada | 48 | 1 |
| Mississippi | 13 | 3 | Cuba | 2 | |
| Missouri | 56 | 4 | Latin America | 2 | |
| Montana | 6 | | Foreign | 47 | |
| Nebraska | 30 | 3 | | | |
| Nevada | 3 | | | [1] 3,573 | 275 |

[1] This includes the 275 new members and renewals.

### Deaths Reported Since December 7, 1939

Cyrus Adler (April 7, 1940), Philadelphia, Pa.
William Evarts Benjamin (February 24, 1940), New York, N. Y., *life member.*
Robert Cedric Binkley (April 11, 1940), Cleveland, Ohio.
Marshall Cousins (February 28, 1939), Madison, Wis.
Arthur Lyon Cross (June 21, 1940), Ann Arbor, Mich., *life member.*
William E. Dodd (February 9, 1940), Round Hill, Va.
John C. Fitzpatrick (February 10, 1940), Washington, D. C.
William R. Foley (January 18, 1940), Superior, Wis.
Fred A. Geier (March 27, 1934), Cincinnati, Ohio, *life member.*
Arthur S. Gilmore (January 23, 1940), California, Pa.
W. M. Griffin (June 17, 1937), Fort Wayne, Ind., *life member.*
Frank A. Hamilton (September 7, 1937), Indianapolis, Ind., *life member.*
Mrs. Mary M. Hooker, Hartford, Conn., *life member.*
Gov. Henry Horner (October 7, 1940), Springfield, Ill., *life member.*
William Isaac Hull, Swarthmore, Pa.
Harry Wayne Kochenderfer (August 13, 1940), Philadelphia, Pa.
Arthur H. Lea, Philadelphia, Pa., *life member.*
Florence Eugene Leadbetter (January 30, 1940), Roslindale, Boston, Mass., *life member.*
John Andrew Lesh (August 1939), Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Marmon (February 1940), Indianapolis, Ind., *patron.*
Frank Burr Marsh (May 31, 1940), Austin, Tex.
Arthur Mitten, Goodland, Ind., *life member.*
Mary Fairchild Morris (Mrs. Charles M.) (October 25, 1939), Milwaukee, Wis., *life member.*
Grace A. Musser (December 30, 1939), Muscatine, Iowa, *life member.*
Nils A. Olsen (July 28, 1940), New York, N. Y.
Martin A. Roberts (June 15, 1940), Baltimore, Md.
Benjamin F. Shambaugh (April 7, 1940), Iowa City, Iowa.
Charles C. Swisher (February 4, 1940), Washington, D. C.
Albert A. Trever (April 25, 1940), Appleton, Wis.
George B. Underwood (June 12, 1940), Seattle, Wash.
Eugene M. Violette (March 26, 1940), University, La.
Jesse Thomas Wallace (April 30, 1940), Clinton, Miss.
William L. West (Date ?), St. Paul, Minn., *life member.*
John M. Winterbotham (April 5, 1940), Galveston, Tex.
Maurice Zeliqzon (March 23, 1940), Cleveland, Ohio.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1940

### The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee herewith submits its nominations. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association require that the Committee shall nominate at least two candidates for each vacancy on the Council and the Nominating Committee, and that the membership of the Association shall vote by ballot for members of the Council and Nominating Committee. The ballot constituting your vote must reach the Committee not later than December 20 in order to be counted. The result of the vote will be made known at the Annual Business

Meeting. In case of a tie, the final choice will be made at that Business Meeting.

The members of the Council who will continue in office after December 1940 are:

| | *Field* | *Institution* |
|---|---|---|
| Eugene C. Barker | American | Texas |
| Laurence B. Packard | European | Amherst |
| Robert J. Kerner | European | California |
| Allan Nevins | American | Columbia |
| Merle Curti | American | Columbia |
| Louis Gottschalk | European | Chicago |

Those to be replaced are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Isaac J. Cox | American | Northwestern |
| Carl Wittke | American | Oberlin |

The members of the Nominating Committee who will continue in office after December 1940 are:

| | *Field* | *Institution* |
|---|---|---|
| Paul H. Buck, *Chairman* | American | Harvard |
| Eugene N. Anderson | European | American |

Those to be replaced are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Howard K. Beale | American | North Carolina |
| Curtis P. Nettels | American | Wisconsin |
| Judith B. Williams | European | Wellesley |

The executive officers of the Association will be elected at the Business Meeting. Your Committee makes the following nominations:

| | |
|---|---|
| For President | James Westfall Thompson |
| For First Vice-President | Arthur M. Schlesinger |
| For Second Vice-President | Nellie Neilson |
| For Treasurer | Solon J. Buck |

Other nominations for executive offices may be added by petition of at least twenty voting members of the Association provided the petition is presented to the Nominating Committee *at least one day before the Business Meeting.*

HOWARD K. BEALE, *Chairman.*

NOVEMBER 5, 1940.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE MEMORIAL FUND

The Committee in charge of the Beveridge Memorial Fund begs to report for the year 1939–40 as follows:

1. The editorial work of H. M. Perkins, *Northern Editorials on Secession,* companion to Dumond's *Southern Editorials on Secession,* is in press and will be published in the spring. The two remaining editorial projects, Monaghan's *The Papers of John Jay,* and Easterby's *The Allston Rice Plantation Records,* are expected within the coming year.

2. The Beveridge Memorial Monograph Series is in the process of inauguration. Eleven manuscripts were submitted to the Committee in January. Four of these were too long to be considered monographs under the Committee's definition of length as approximately 75,000 words. Of the remaining seven, but one was considered to measure up to the Committee's requirements of significance, completeness, and excellence of style. It was therefore decided that the inaugural

volume should be Dr. Ethyn Williams Kirby's *Life of George Keith*. In making this decision, the Committee did not rely entirely upon its own judgment, but in four instances had monographs read by experts in the field. Dr. Kirby's book will be published in the spring. The Committee expects to receive another group of manuscripts in January 1941 and in succeeding years. It is to be hoped that as the knowledge of this publication opportunity becomes more widespread, a larger number of monographs that are *well-written* will be submitted.

3. The Committee has published *A Manual of Style*, prepared by Miss Bertha E. Josephson, which contains the rules of format which the Committee has adopted and which will be followed hereafter. The Committee suggests that those who intend to submit manuscripts for publication by the Committee procure a copy in advance and follow the directions therein contained. The Committee recommends that the Council consider the desirability of making this the official guide of the Association.

4. The Committee financed the first award of the Beveridge Memorial Prize which was judged by another committee. The prize monograph was already in print, so could not be included in the Beveridge Memorial Series.

The Committee has thus begun the contemplated transfer of its interest. The series of source publications is practically finished and the income from the Beveridge Memorial Fund will now be devoted in large part to encouraging the more effective use of monographic presentation of the results of research. It believes that this type of scholarship has much to contribute to American history.

A financial statement as of the close of the fiscal year 1939–40 follows:

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE MEMORIAL FUND

*Sept. 1, 1939, to Aug. 31, 1940*

| | | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1939 | | $17,934.37 | |
| Interest: | | | |
| On investments | $3,293.32 | | |
| On savings account | 196.79 | | |
| | | 3,490.11 | |
| Royalties: | | | |
| Dumond, *Southern Editorials on Secession* | 59.73 | | |
| Barnes-Dumond, *Weld-Grimké Letters* | 154.67 | | |
| Labaree, *Royal Instructions to British Colonial Governors* | 117.33 | | |
| Case, *French Public Opinion on the United States and Mexico* | 78.40 | | |
| Binkley, *Official Correspondence of the Texan Revolution* | 64.00 | | |
| Pargellis, *Military Affairs in North America, 1748–65* | 29.87 | | |
| Dumond, *Letters of James Gillespie Birney, 1831–57* | 490.66 | | |
| Phillips, *The Course of the South to Secession* | 106.67 | | |
| | | 1,101.33 | |
| Editorial and publication expenses: | | | |
| Phillips volume | | | $865.3 |

| | | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Prize: | | | |
| Prize of 1939 | $200.00 | | |
| Expenses | 20.00 | | |
| | | | $220.00 |
| Committee expenses | | | 241.16 |
| Membership dues of contributors | | | 390.00 |
| | | 22,525.81 | 1,716.55 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | | 20,809.26 |
| | | 22,525.81 | 22,525.81 |

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

ROY F. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

THE COMMITTEE ON THE LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

I beg leave to submit the following report upon the activities of the Committee on Legal History during the past year.

No meeting of the Committee has been held. However, some general problems of policy have come into view in the work of our various editors, and a meeting to discuss these will probably be desirable in the near future.

Of the nine volumes mentioned in my last report, work is very far advanced on four. Mr. Farrell's volume is ready for the printer save for the introductions now in course of preparation by him and by Judge Clark. The text of the volume which Mr. Reed and Mr. Miller are editing, which has already been checked by both of them against the original manuscripts, is likewise completed. In addition, the work of both editors on their introductions is far advanced. It will be desirable to have the texts of both these volumes printed without waiting for the introductions, in order to expedite indexing, and eliminate errors in cross references in the introductions to the texts.

The manuscript of our South Carolina volume has long since been prepared, and Dr. Gregorie has done most of her work in gathering materials for her introduction. The same is true of the Delaware volume, and of Mr. deValinger's work on the introduction thereto. We had expected that Judge Rodney of the Supreme Court of Delaware would be the legal editor for this volume, but difficulties of a personal nature have, to our very great regret, compelled him to renounce the task. We have, however, been so fortunate as to secure in his place the collaboration of Mr. Clarence Southerland of Dover, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the State. In North Carolina Mr. Jenkins has proceeded enthusiastically with his undertaking, and we have had the great good fortune to enjoy the generous cooperation of Mr. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, through whose good offices progress has been greatly aided, notably in having made by WPA workers a draft transcript of the court records involved.

Considerable work has been done on the four remaining volumes, but these are not so far advanced and prospects regarding them are not wholly definite. Of the four, work on Mr. Lacy's Connecticut volume has probably proceeded farthest. All the records have been photostated, a typewritten copy of them has been made, and other preliminary tasks have been performed. A portion of the Accomac records for our Virginia volume has been found to be available in photostatic form in Richmond; another part of them is undergoing repair at Richmond as a result of interest manifested by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Of both these portions it will doubtless later be possible to have a transcript made in Richmond. Of a third portion of the materials microfilms

were most generously made for us some months ago by Professor Alfred Martin of the University of Iowa. In my last report reference was made to Professor Garrard Glenn's agreement to act as the legal editor of the Virginia volume. We have since then been equally fortunate in securing as our historical editor Professor Susie M. Ames of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, who has worked for years in the records of the Eastern Shore and is thoroughly familiar with the persons and problems of the period to which her volume will be devoted. We have likewise been most fortunate in completing arrangements for the volume of Rhode Island equity papers. Mr. Gleeson has continued his work on them as an historian, and Professor D. J. Boorstin, who is in charge of Legal History in the Harvard Law School, has consented to act as our legal editor. Finally, although little progress has thus far been made on the court minutes (1684-ca. 1730) of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, definite engagements have been made for its advancement, and possibly its completion, next year.

In short, prospects seem excellent that several further volumes of the American Legal Records Series (not so large as those heretofore published) should be issued during the next two years, and that other volumes may then follow with fair regularity.

A financial statement for the Littleton-Griswold Fund for the year ending August 31, 1940, follows:

LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

*Sept. 1, 1939, to Aug. 31, 1940*

| | | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | | $7,069.71 | |
| Interest: | | | |
| On investments | $875.00 | | |
| On savings account | 89.73 | | |
| | | 964.73 | |
| Proceeds of sales of publications: | | | |
| Morris, *Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City* | | 10.50 | |
| Expenses in connection with— | | | |
| Bond, *Maryland Court of Appeals* | .14 | | |
| Morris, *Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City* | .32 | | |
| Towle-Andrews, *Records of the Vice Admirality Court of Rhode Island* | .15 | | |
| Volume on Connecticut Superior Court Records | 26.40 | | |
| Volume on South Carolina Court Records | 100.00 | | |
| Volume on Virginia Court Records | 20.25 | | |
| Volume on New Jersey Court Records | 75.00 | | |
| | | | $222.26 |
| Committee expenses | | | 40.06 |
| Membership dues for contributor | | | 5.00 |
| | | 8,044.94 | 267.32 |
| Balance, August 31, 1940 | | | 7,777.62 |
| | | 8,044.94 | 8,044.94 |

FRANCIS S. PHILBRICK,
*Chairman.*

NOVEMBER 27, 1940.

## The Committee on Membership

During the past 3 years fairly intensive efforts have been made to enlist new members in the activities and opportunities of the Association. During 1938, Professor Elmer Ellis, who was then Chairman of the Committee, carried on a special effort in the states from North Dakota southward to include Missouri, and eastward to include Kentucky and Ohio but not Michigan. In June 1939, Professor Ellis found it imperative to resign the chairmanship of the Committee, and the Executive Council of the Association appointed the present Chairman to fill the vacancy. During the fall of 1939 the Chairman sought to secure additional members of the Association, especially in the states from Michigan eastward to Maine and southward to include North Carolina. No special campaign, however, was made in Ohio, due to a thorough canvass of that state in 1938. In the other States indicated, however, one or two historians were asked to check the membership list of the Association and to send personal letters to college and high school teachers who might be deemed likely members but whose names were not found on the rolls of the Association. A preliminary report was made, in the Chairman's annual report for 1939, of the work accomplished by the fall campaign, but complete results were not then available. Statistics now show that between September 25, 1939, and December 8, 1939, the membership was increased from 3,448 to 3,533.

During the spring of 1940, the Chairman made an earnest endeavor to call the attention of graduate students in the larger graduate schools of the country to the advantages of membership in the Association. Such work seems imperative, in order to acquaint young scholars with the activities of the organization but is apt to be discouraging as to immediate results, due to the precarious economic status of the average graduate student. In this spring campaign of 1940 the Chairman was assisted by many members of the Association who approached graduate students in their own colleges and universities. Especially helpful in this regard were Professors Jarvis M. Morse of Brown University, Richard J. Purcell of the Catholic University of America, Holland Thompson of the College of the City of New York, Charles S. Sydnor of Duke University, William T. Morgan of Indiana University, Lynn M. Case of Louisiana State University, Robert R. Palmer of Princeton University, Carl F. Brand of Stanford University, Brainerd Dyer of the University of California at Los Angeles, William T. Hutchinson of the University of Chicago, C. W. de Kiewiet of the University of Iowa, David H. Willson of the University of Minnesota, Loren C. MacKinney of the University of North Carolina, Richard H. Heindel of the University of Pennsylvania, Charles M. Gates of the University of Washington, William B. Hesseltine of the University of Wisconsin, and Frank Monaghan of Yale.

The fall campaign for members is now getting under way, with special efforts being made in New Jersey and Delaware and in the states south and west from North Carolina to Texas. Because of a number of factors, this endeavor could not be initiated so early in the fall as last year, hence membership statistics as yet show little appreciable result from special efforts this season and indicate little change from last December. Doubtless a number of members who have been dropped from the active list for nonpayment of dues will be restored before the holding of the Annual Meeting.

During the past year some effort has been made by the chairman to approach fairly prominent historians who for some reason have allowed their memberships to lapse during the past few years, and some success has been met in persuading them to renew their memberships. In North Carolina rather hopeful progress has been made, through the efforts of Professor Loren C. MacKinney

of the University of North Carolina, in interesting nonacademic persons, such as lawyers, businessmen, and amateur historians, in the work of the Association.

During the past year, expenditures have been kept at a minimum through the generous contributions of stenographic service by the history departments of various universities. In view of the limited budgets of many institutions, however, this service is not always available gratis, and during the coming year, an appropriation equal to that allotted last year should be available.

The statistics for the year are as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Membership on Dec. 8, 1939 | | 3,533 |
| New members | 205 | |
| Former members reentered | 27 | |
| | | 232 |
| Resignations | | 42 |
| Deaths | | 32 |
| Dropped | | 168 |
| Total membership, Oct. 28, 1940 | | 3,523 |

FRANCIS P. WEISENBURGER, *Chairman.*

October 31, 1940.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND FOR PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee has examined about a dozen manuscripts during the past year and has accepted one of them, Helen G. Stafford's *James VI of Scotland and the Throne of England*, for book publication. Another manuscript, L. P. Jackson's *Free Negro Labor and Property Holding in Virginia*, has been reported on favorably by two members of the Committee, and will in all probability be accepted soon. The Committee is continuing its policy of rejecting manuscripts that cannot be classified as definitely superior. Perhaps in part as a result of this policy, there has been an unanticipated increase in book sales achieved by our later publications, and a consequent enrichment of the Fund. This development, however, has not tempted us to lower our standards, but it should encourage authors with worth-while manuscripts to submit their work to us.

We herewith present a financial report for the benefit of the Council. Members of the Committee are not paid to read manuscripts, but give their services free. In cases where the opinion of an expert, not a member of the Committee, is deemed necessary, a small sum is usually paid, although one individual recently rejected the proffered fee. The Committee also feels free to pay for editorial service when the same is rendered by someone who is not a member of the Committee.

CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND FOR PUBLICATIONS

*Sept. 1, 1939, to Aug. 31, 1940*

| | | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1939 | | $6,584.06 | |
| Grant from American Council of Learned Societies to assist in publishing Hoon, *The Organization of the English Customs System* | | 500.00 | |
| Interest on savings account | | 90.99 | |
| Royalties: | | | |
| Heidel, *The Day of Yahwah* | $9.11 | | |
| Lonn, *Desertion during the Civil War* | 16.00 | | |

| | | Receipts | Disbursements |
|---|---|---|---|
| Royalties—Continued. | | | |
| Ragatz, *The Fall of the Planter Class in the British Caribbean, 1763–1833* | $17.35 | | |
| Carroll, *French Public Opinion and Foreign Affairs* | 27.71 | | |
| Allyn, *Lords versus Commons* | 14.28 | | |
| Shryock, *The Origin and Development of the State Cult of Confucius* | 11.08 | | |
| Sanborn, *Origins of the Early English Maritime and Commercial Law* | 4.27 | | |
| White, *Robert Barnwell Rhett* | 60.80 | | |
| Bruce, *Virginia Iron Manufacture in the Slave Era* | 26.40 | | |
| Swann, *Pan Chao: Foremost Woman Scholar of China* | 22.40 | | |
| Dietz, *English Public Finance, 1558–1641* | 9.03 | | |
| Sydnor, *Slavery in Mississippi* | 22.40 | | |
| Brown, *The First Earl of Shaftesbury* | 27.73 | | |
| Barnes, *The Antislavery Impulse* | 69.06 | | |
| Whitaker, *The Mississippi Question* | 26.14 | | |
| Bemis, *The Diplomacy of the American Revolution* | 28.32 | | |
| Garrett, *The Estates General of 1789* | 11.20 | | |
| Hubbart, *The Older Middle West* | 84.00 | | |
| Ranck, *Albert Gallatin Brown* | 162.67 | | |
| Hoon, *The Organization of the English Customs System* | 59.73 | | |
| Priestley, *France Overseas* | 896.00 | | |
| Horton, *James Kent: a Study in Conservatism* | 272.54 | | |
| Chitwood, *John Tyler: Champion of the Old South* | 631.47 | | |
| | | $2,509.69 | |
| Printing and storage: | | | |
| Barnes volume | $18.32 | | |
| Bemis volume | 49.42 | | |
| Hubbart volume | 38.07 | | |
| Priestley volume | 43.09 | | |
| Chitwood volume | 1,472.54 | | |
| | | | $1,621.44 |
| Committee expenses: | | | |
| Postage and supplies | 2.84 | | |
| Clerical services and reading manuscripts | 50.00 | | |
| Complimentary copies of publications | 7.46 | | |
| | | | 60.30 |
| | | 9,684.74 | 1,681.74 |
| Balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | | 8,003.00 |
| | | 9,684.74 | 9,684.74 |

OCTOBER 24, 1940.

JOHN D. HICKS, *Chairman.*

### The Committee on the George Louis Beer Prize

As chairman of the Committee on the George Louis Beer prize, I have the honor to present the following report on its activities:

Seven works were submitted to the Committee of which two were eliminated for technical reasons. Of the five works considered as eligible for the award this year, the Committee recommends for the prize the book by Richard Heathcote Heindel, *The American Impact on Great Britain, 1898–1914*, Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania Press, 1940. All of the works submitted gave evidence of conscientious, careful, and thoughtful study and were generally well written. In making its decision, the Committee was influenced by the novelty of the subject and of the materials investigated by Dr. Heindel.

The expenditures of the Committee have been $1.28 for postage.

November 23, 1940. Lawrence D. Steefel, *Chairman.*

### The Committee on the Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Prize

The Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Prize Committee can only report "progress" at this time. An announcement covering the prize will be mimeographed and mailed within the next month to about two hundred historical societies and graduate departments of history.

Heeding the caution expressed by the Executive Secretary in his letter to the Chairman on April 2, 1940, the Committee will endeavor to give adequate publicity to the prize without exceeding the $20 limit upon its expenses.

October 27, 1940. William T. Hutchinson, *Chairman.*

### The Committee on the John H. Dunning Prize

The Committee's chief duty, in addition to reading the manuscripts, was to disseminate information concerning the prize in an effort to stimulate interest in competing, and for this particular year, to call attention to the change in date of submitting essays from September to June. Printed notices containing regulations, instructions, and the address of the chairman, to whom the competing works should be sent, were dispatched to 225 chairmen of history departments in institutions throughout the country, together with a brief note requesting that the notice be posted. These notices were used also in the answering of letters of inquiry concerning the prize. A brief statement concerning the change in date of submission was sent to a few leading historical journals and a similar one with an account of the character of the prize went out under cover of a personal letter to the book review editors of 26 representative newspapers in the United States.

Eleven essays, covering a considerable variety of periods and topics within the field of American history, were submitted. There were three in the colonial field, one in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century, one covering the first half of the nineteenth century, two on the Civil War, one late nineteenth century, and three within the century as a whole. One study was in diplomatic history, one in religious, one in legal, one in institutional, four in economic, one in social and two in intellectual history.

There were three or four exceptionally fine essays, any one of which the Committee could have reported with pride for the award. The final decision, unanimous on the second vote, was to award the prize to Richard W. Leopold

for his *Robert Dale Owen*, with honorable mention to S. H. Brockunier's *The Irrepressible Democrat: Roger Williams*. Though the Committee could wish that the prize had wider appeal and more competitors, it felt well pleased with the high quality of the best half of the essays submitted. It is interesting to note that the three best were written as Ph.D. theses at Harvard and Yale.

NOVEMBER 12, 1940. VIOLA F. BARNES, *Chairman*.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS PRIZE

The Committee of the American Historical Association appointed to award the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize begs leave to recommend that the award be granted to Mr. John Shelton Curtiss for his *Church and State in Russia, 1900-1917* (Columbia University Press, 1940) and that honorable mention be granted Mr. David Harris Willson for his *The Privy Councillors in the House of Commons, 1604-29* (The University of Minnesota Press, 1940).

AUGUST 26, 1940. W. K. JORDAN, *Chairman*.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The recency of my appointment as chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Publications and the difficulty of having a meeting of the Committee prior to the December meeting of the Association at New York leaves me with very little of a very tangible nature to report. For this reason I suggest that a report from this Committee be passed over for the present year. My activity so far has been chiefly of an exploratory nature, trying to discover just what has been done by the Committee in the past and to determine additional areas in which the Committee might fruitfully function. So far as I can anticipate at this time there should be no expenditures of any importance for the coming year.

OCTOBER 12, 1940. LOUIS C. HUNTER, *Chairman*.

THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICANA FOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The Committee on Americana for College Libraries begs to submit its report for the year 1939–40. Briefly, we have spent about $17,600 on rare, scarce, and uncommon books in American history, and deposited most of these in 16 selected college libraries, as follows:

Albion College, Albion, Mich.; Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Birmingham-Southern College Birmingham, Ala.; Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.; Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mills College, Oakland, Calif.; Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.; Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.; Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky.; College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

The basis for this work is, as has been reported previously, a grant of money from the McGregor Fund, a benevolent foundation in Detroit, Mich., whereby $500 per college per annum is granted by the Fund, and matched by $500 per college per annum by the participating institutions. The purpose of this activity has been outlined in our previous reports. In essence, it is to provide these

colleges, widely scattered throughout the country, with certain sources of American history which otherwise they would not be able to obtain. Accounts have, as always, been audited by Price, Waterhouse & Co. We enclose a condensed statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for publication in the Association's *Annual Report*.

There was an unexpended balance of operating funds of $629.83 as at June 30, 1940. A statement of the expenses showing the unused balance was sent to the McGregor Fund office in September. This statement was based on the fiscal year of the McGregor Fund which now runs from July 1 through June 30. The unused portion of the appropriation for expenses was to be returned to the McGregor Fund by deduction from their quarterly check next in order.

Regarding the budget for 1941–42: it will not be necessary to present this to the McGregor Fund until the first of April, just prior to their annual meeting. A report on the Committee's activities at that time will be sent to you along with our budget request. Insofar as we can judge, the amount which will be required for operating expenses will remain the same as last year, i. e., $6,500; for contributions to the colleges, we shall expect the usual $8,000 unless we see fit to ask for an additional college or two. (We have received applications from several very worthy institutions this year.)

There will be no demands upon the budget of the Association for the purposes of the Committee on Americana for College Libraries.

In preparing our report this year, the Committee feels more than ever the importance and significance of its work. The now well-confirmed reports of the destruction of the Library of the University of Louvain in Belgium, and of the Library of University College of the University of London, as well as the less definite reports of bombs falling upon Heidelberg University and Cambridge University, confirm the belief of this Committee that the scholarly resources of the world ought to be more widely decentralized, and that they are safer in the Western than in the Eastern Hemisphere. For the most part our participating colleges are not in great metropolitan areas, nor are they within the so-called defence areas of industrial communities. Even before this report reaches the offices of the American Historical Association, further news from abroad may make still more obvious the need for the work of your Committee, and make clearer the foresight of the late Tracy W. McGregor through whose vision this benefaction was made possible.

The growth of the "rare book idea" in American institutions of higher learning proceeds logically and inevitably. More and more institutions are learning that the first classification of books acquired by a college or university library must be in the matter of rarity. Subject classification can come only after it has first been determined whether a book is for general use, or whether its use shall be restricted to more serious and advanced students.

During an inspection trip to some of the colleges this year, the Chairman of the Committee was impressed with this tendency at institutions within and without the work of your Committee. Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, Ky., has erected a special building for the preservation of the evidences of past culture. In it, in a special library, the books acquired through the McGregor Plan are placed. Your Chairman was asked to make an address at the dedication of the new Rare Book Room at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. More than 100 years ago, Allegheny was founded by Timothy Alden and to the new college in the wilderness, the great publisher, Isaiah Thomas, sent hundreds of volumes fresh from his printing press. These books,

in a remarkable state of preservation, are now to be seen and used in the magnificent new rare book room—along with other bibliographic treasures which have come to Allegheny in the years since its founding.

Your Chairman was interested in examining the new library at the University of Alabama, and was consulted about the plans for the new library at Vanderbilt University, now under construction. In these and other cases which have come to his attention, it is obvious that not only is more and more space being devoted to the preservation of rarities in college and university libraries, but that more and more space will have to be so allocated. New libraries are being so designed that whole areas of the stacks can be isolated from general use and can be accessible only through special permission and under observation. The theft of a first folio of Shakespeare at a well-known eastern college has been widely reported in the newspapers. While it is gratifying to note that that rare book has been returned, and that four men have been arrested in connection with the theft, the whole affair was a salutary lesson to institutions to which rare books have been entrusted. It is a clear-cut clinical example of the need for the work of your Committee with its attendant conditions as to care, custodianship and conservation.

During the period of this report, the Committee distributed 825 titles to the participating colleges. A list of these books, detailing author, title, date and place of publication, from whom bought, to whom entrusted, and the price, has been carefully prepared. This list has been submitted to the members of the Committee for examination, criticism, and comment. This safeguards the work of the Committee against being too extensively guided by the opinion of the Chairman and the secretary. A typewritten copy of this list is open for examination by any member of the Council of the American Historical Association, or indeed, any member of the Association. Its length would make the cost of printing it prohibitive; the Committee would rather spend its money on more books.

The Committee hopes that the Association will remember that this activity is due to the generosity of a late member and that the thanks of the Association are again due to the Trustees of the foundation which he left to carry on his good works—the McGregor Fund.

October 18, 1940. RANDOLPH G. ADAMS, *Director.*

*Statement of cash receipts and disbursements Sept. 1, 1939–Aug. 31, 1940*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1939 | $1,149.50 | |
| Transferred from Special Account | 24,262.44 | |
| From sales of books | 47.25 | |
| Refund on prior year book purchase | 3.00 | |
| Books, bindings, etc | | $17,612.25 |
| Salaries | | 4,500.00 |
| Other expenses | | 1,411.24 |
| Payment of Accounts Payable | | 297.00 |
| Cash balance, Aug. 31, 1940 | | 1,641.70 |
| | 25,462.19 | 25,462.19 |

*Comparison of appropriation with expenditures for the period July 1, 1939–June 30, 1940*

| | Appropriation for 1 year | Expenditures July 1, 1939–June 30, 1940 | Unexpended balance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Book purchases: | | | |
| From the McGregor Fund, $8,000<br>From colleges, $8,000 | $16,000.00 | $15,062.27 | $937.73 |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Office salaries | | 4,500.00 | |
| Communication | | 44.83 | |
| Transportation | | 197.47 | |
| Travelling | | 418.45 | |
| Office supplies and expense | [1] 6,491.40 | 243.75 | [2] 629.83 |
| Bookplates and labels | | 36.50 | |
| Insurance and bond | | 75.53 | |
| Printing and engraving | | 120.04 | |
| Auditing | | 225.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 0 | |
| Total | 6,491.40 | 5,861.57 | 629.83 |
| Grand Total | 22,491.40 | 20,923.84 | 1,567.56 |

[1] Appropriation, $6,500; less amount deducted for previous year's adjustment, $8.60; total, $6,491.40.
[2] Unused operating funds at June 30, 1940, to be returned to the McGregor Fund by deduction from quarterly check due Oct. 1, 1940, $629.83.

## The Committee on Historical Source Materials

In the Annual Report of the Committee on Historical Source Materials, dated December 11, 1939, it was natural that attention should largely be devoted to source materials in the United States. It will be noted in the present Report, submitted some eleven months later, that in part, due to events abroad, considerable attention has likewise been given to records in Foreign Countries. The Summary Report follows:

### *Special Committee on Manuscripts*

The Committee on Manuscripts has perfected arrangements with the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration, whereby the Survey will make an annual census of accessions of manuscripts by historical agencies in the United States. The data assembled will be edited jointly by the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress under the supervision of Dr. St. George L. Sioussat. The necessary forms have been agreed upon and the survey for 1940 will be made in November and December. In effect this *Accession List* will form a counterpart for manuscripts to the *Writings on American History* for printed items. For the moment it is presumed that publication of the *Accession List* will be in mimeograph form. Decision on this point will be made later.[1] This work has been so arranged that it will not conflict with other activities of the Manuscript Division of the Historical Records Survey, such as the preparation of *Guides to Collections of Manuscripts in the States* or *Guides to Individual Collections of Manuscripts*. The *Guides* and the *Accession List* together will constitute a complete and continuing record of manuscript holdings in the United States.

There is widespread need for a *National List of Masters' and Doctoral Theses* in educational institutions in the United States. The Committee on Manuscripts and the Committee on Library Holdings are jointly interested

[1] The first such list, covering accessions for 1940, is being published in the *Annual Report* for 1941.

in the preparation and publication of such a *List*. Mr. Sargent B. Child, National Director of the Historical Records Survey, is likewise interested and if approval of this project can be secured from the WPA authorities, he will be glad, through the Survey, to obtain the necessary information. The plan of operation, making use of the principle of progressive bibliography, would be as follows:

1. Assembly of information, editing, and publication in mimeograph form of an author and title check list of masters' and doctoral theses.
2. Assembly of information, editing, and publication in mimeograph form of critical bibliographies of masters' and doctoral theses, indicating the nature of the content and something of the value of each text. This type of publication would probably require special editorial assistance.
3. Provision for annual supplements to Numbers 1 and 2.

Field work, editing, and publication would be carried out by the Historical Records Survey under the direction of the Committee on Manuscripts and the Committee on Library Holdings of the Committee on Historical Source Materials. Initial publication would be by States.

It has been noted that book dealers' notices and auction catalogs of manuscripts quite often quote the text of valuable manuscripts either in full or in part. Dr. Louis Gottschalk, of the University of Chicago, has recently suggested as an Historical Records Survey project, the examination of collections of such catalogs and the reproduction of the texts of the manuscripts quoted, with subsequent editing and publication of the material. There is no question as to the considerable number and importance of such manuscript texts.

This suggestion was discussed in detail at the Meeting of the National Advisory Committee of the Historical Records Survey which took place in Washington, D. C., on June 4 and 5, and the consensus of opinion was that the proposed project had distinct possibilities. Mrs. Margaret Eliot, of the Manuscript Division of the Historical Records Survey, was asked by the National Advisory Committee to investigate what could be done and to make a report upon the matter. Her findings indicate that there are at least a dozen good collections of such catalogs located in various institutions which could be made available for this purpose, and that several dealers in manuscripts likewise possess individual collections which can be used. Mrs. Eliot has suggested a detailed plan whereby this undertaking can be carried out with Historical Records Survey labor, and also believes that in many instances it will be possible through auction and dealers' records to determine the present depositories of many of these manuscript records. I have recently discussed this subject further with Mr. Sargent Child and have found him favorably disposed to cooperate in carrying out the proposed plan. It is likely that such a project may be undertaken in a number of depositories in the near future.

### *Special Committee on Newspapers*

The work of the Committee on Newspapers was interrupted by the death of Dr. Robert C. Binkley, Chairman of the Committee, on April 11, 1940. His decease was not only a great loss to the Committee, but also to the cause of American scholarship as a whole. I have asked Miss Adeline Barry to make a report concerning Dr. Binkley's activities and plans with respect to this Committee, and this will appear in the detailed report in December.

Librarians, scholars, and others interested have been concerned for some time over the rapid deterioration of newspaper files in depositories in this country, especially for the recent period when newspaper stock has been very largely

composed of wood pulp. The Library of Congress has recently proposed that the Historical Records Survey undertake a project to film files of important American newspapers, particularly those published since 1865. It was suggested in this plan that the negatives of films should be deposited in the Library of Congress with the proviso that this institution would undertake to reproduce positive copies at cost for institutions and individuals desiring such films. This proposal was discussed at the Meeting of the American Library Association at Cincinnati in May, and also at the Meeting of the National Advisory Committee of the Historical Records Survey at Washington in June. On the latter occasion Mr. Child, although favorably disposed to the suggestion, pointed out that the plan in its present form was not a practicable one for the Work Projects Administration, because there was too great a disproportion on the one hand between the cost of equipment and technical supervision, and on the other, the amount of Work Projects Administration labor which would be required. However, he thought if the plan could be enlarged to include indexing of certain newspaper files as well as making film copies, which would greatly increase the amount of labor needed, that the project would stand a much better chance of meeting the approval of the Work Projects Administration. The General Chairman concurred with Mr. George A. Schwegmann, Jr., in the feeling that in any such undertaking careful attention should be given to the technical quality of the filming. The Chairman also thought, in order to make the film copies useful to scholars and others, it was highly necessary to do a certain amount of editing of the negatives. Likewise he was of the opinion that in order to enlist the full cooperation of the scholarly world, coverage should not be confined solely to the period 1865 to date. For different reasons, which need not be gone into here, copies should also be made of newspapers of earlier times, such as those of the Colonial and Ante-Bellum periods. He also believed, regardless of whether the project should be undertaken as a straight film copying proposition or as a combination of filming and indexing, that the cooperation of American scholars ought to be enlisted in determining what newspapers should be copied. The general opinion at the Meeting of the National Advisory Committee was that all of these points were important and should be considered in formulating any practical plan of action. Further investigation of the possibilities of this worthwhile newspaper project is under way and it is entirely possible that something definite may be accomplished in the near future.

### *Special Committee on Library Holdings*

The report of this Committee entitled *A Suggested Program for Augmenting Materials for Research in American Libraries*, issued December 27, 1939, has stimulated much discussion among scholars, librarians, and others in the past year, particularly with relation to the preparation of subject bibliographies, acquisition policies of learned institutions, and interlibrary cooperation. It became an important phase of the "Agenda" of a notable conference of American scholars held in the apartment of Mr. Herbert Friedenwald at the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., during the meeting of the American Historical Association and was also the subject of discussion at other gatherings at subsequent times and places. As a document, this report is likely in time to be regarded as contributing to far-reaching results. Altogether about a thousand copies of the report have been distributed and it is still in demand.

Mr. Douglas C. McMurtrie, Chairman of the Committee on Library Holdings, reports that during 1940 the Committee has been compiling a *List of Uniform Symbols for Foreign Libraries*. The Committee hopes to issue this list in

mimeograph form and to submit it for criticism and suggestion to scholars in this country and abroad. The desirability of providing a uniform method of reference to foreign institutions is obvious and if the Committee succeeds in devising such a list and securing its adoption, it will have performed a worth-while service.

*Special Committee on Archives*

Miss Margaret C. Norton, Chairman of this Committee, informs me that investigation of the possibilities of the Committee preparing a *Guide to Archival Institutions and Activities in the States* is about completed and that she expects to make a report on this matter to the General Chairman in November. This will be incorporated in the detailed report.

It has been suggested that the Committee cooperate with some archival agency and the Historical Records Survey to compile and publish an annual survey of accessions of archives in institutions throughout the country. If the plan works out, and decision about this will be reached shortly, the survey will be inaugurated within the next few months.

The appearance of the *Guide to the Material in the National Archives* marks a milestone in the activities of that forward-looking institution and makes available to Government officials, scholars, and the general public, information concerning the wealth of valuable records preserved there and arranged for use.

*Special Committee on Business Records*

You will recall that members of this Committee, cooperating with the General Chairman, were active in promoting the formation of an Industrial History Society at the time of the American Historical Association meeting in Washington, D. C., in December, 1939. The organization was duly formed despite some objections raised at the session by several economists present, who apparently preferred that industrial history be written by economists rather than historians. During the past year a number of economists have carried this thought further and have formed an Economic History Society. On May 14 the General Chairman attended an enthusiastic meeting of scholars and businessmen at Bloomington, Ind., where Dr. N. S. B. Gras, of the Business Historical Society of Harvard, and several others spoke. As a result of this meeting the Business History Society of Indiana was recently organized. It is pleasing to report as a result of the clearing of the air at the Washington Meeting of the Industrial History Society that cordial relations now exist between the Industrial History Society, the Business Historical Society of Harvard and the Economic History Society, and it is mutually recognized that each has its place in the sun. In fact the existence of these several organizations indicates a healthy interest in a branch of historical activity which needs further development.

*Special Committee on the British Sessional Papers*

This Committee, which was formed in the spring of 1939, after careful consideration determined to await the final completion of the Albert Boni Microprint Process before attempting to make a definite decision as to the best method of copying the *House of Commons Sessional Papers*, 1801–1900, and means of financing the project.

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The exhibit of the Readex (Reading Machine) at the American Library Association Meeting in May showed that the microprint process was clearly a practical method of reproduction. At this time arrangements were made with Mr. Boni, that subsequent to placing the Readex upon the market, he would prepare test samples of microprints of the *British Sessional Papers* from examples selected by Mr. Erickson, the Chairman of the Committee, and that when these were ready he would submit them to the Committee for their inspection. The Readex was offered to the public in September and gives promise of having a considerable distribution. Mr. Boni has recently informed me that he is now preparing the test samples. The quality of these and their cost will quickly indicate to the Committee whether the Boni Microprint Process is the best method of reproduction for the *Sessional Papers* or whether some other form should be sought.

### *General Activities*

The Committee on Historical Source Materials prepared an Exhibit of the Publications of Historical Agencies for the meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington, D. C., in December 1939. This Exhibit, which was shown in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel, consisted of two sections—the *Annals of Cleveland*, including other indexing activities of WPA in Ohio, and the publications of the Historical Records Survey. The latter consisted of inventories of county archives and also of State archives, inventories of town and city archives, manuscript guides and calendars, inventories of church records, inventories of American imprints, and miscellaneous publications. More than 500 Historical Records Survey publications were on display. In addition the national office of the Work Projects Administration, located in Washington, furnished several panel exhibits showing the operation of HRS projects. The Committee Exhibit attracted much interest on the part of those attending the American Historical Association Meeting, and those concerned felt repaid for the effort involved in preparing the display.

The General Chairman attended the Meeting of the American Library Association at Cincinnati, May 26 to June 1, 1940. Several members of the Committee participated in the program. At the session of the Archives and Libraries Committee on May 27, Mr. Douglas C. McMurtrie spoke on "The Inventory of American Imprints," and the General Chairman on "An Appraisal of the Historical Records Survey." At the May 28 session of this same Committee, Miss Margaret C. Norton read a paper on "The Classification of the Archives of Illinois." At the session held on May 29, Dr. Solon J. Buck presented a paper entitled "Essentials in Training for Work with Public Archives and Historical Manuscript Collections." Mr. McMurtrie also spoke at the University Library Subsection on May 29 on "The Program for Augmenting Materials for Research in American Libraries." An interesting feature of the Archives and Libraries sessions, which were arranged and presided over by Dr. A. F. Kuhlman, was the enthusiasm aroused because of the well-rounded scholarly program of the Historical Records Survey, and the notable progress the Survey was making in producing its publications. At the session on May 27, the General Chairman took occasion to read a tribute to Robert Binkley which, by resolution, was subsequently sent to Mrs. Binkley.

The General Chairman attended a Committee Meeting of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies in Washington on June 3. The question discussed was what should be done to revitalize the Conference. A number of interesting suggestions were offered, and the consensus of opinion was that prog-

ress might be made along either of two lines. The first idea was that the existing organization, under its present or a similar title, could be developed into a strong federation of societies and some form of bulletin or periodical issued at regular intervals. The second idea was to form a new organization under some such title as "The American Society of Local History," which would publish a popular historical publication devoted to local history and endeavor to enlist the support, not only of professional State and local historical agencies, but also the large group of nonprofessional agencies and their members who were interested in the historical approach to local history. It was felt that an organization of this latter form could build up a large membership. In either type of society it was recognized that a permanent secretary was a fundamental need. Plans were made at this Meeting to seek foundation aid for the adoption and carrying out of one of these plans, which are to be further discussed and decided upon at the session of the Conference at the Meeting of the American Historical Association at New York City in December 1940.

On June 4 and 5 the General Chairman was present at a meeting held in Washington, D. C., of the National Advisory Committee of the Historical Records Survey.

At the first session of the Committee, the General Chairman was also elected Chairman of the National Advisory Committee. In the ensuing day and a half, the National Advisory Committee discussed details of various aspects of the program of the Historical Records Survey and made numerous suggestions for its continuation and improvement. Among other matters looked into were what functions the Survey might perform in case of a national emergency. A Sub-Committee, headed by Dr. Julian P. Boyd, subsequently made a stimulating report upon this subject to the WPA authorities. The National Advisory Committee establishes close and official contact between scholars and those in charge of the Historical Records Survey and promises to develop a fruitful relationship with regard to their joint interests and activities.

On June 5 and 6 the General Chairman attended a Conference on Microcopying Research Materials in Foreign Depositories. This Conference, sponsored jointly by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Library of Congress, was held at the Library of Congress and attended by some 50 individuals. The purpose of the Conference was to determine what could be done with regard to the preservation of valuable historical records in foreign countries which were endangered by war activities. The Conference met for a day and a half and the general feeling was that the greatest possibilities extended along two lines. One of these was the development of an emergency program which would attempt to microcopy historical source materials in the war zone or to secure originals wherever this was possible. The second was a long-range program which would envision the obtaining of microfilm or other types of copies or originals of historical source materials from all over the world. It was realized that a program of this latter type would take at least 25 or 50 years to complete.

At the conclusion of the Conference, a Continuation Committee of Seven, consisting of the following individuals was appointed:

Keyes D. Metcalf, Director, Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, *Chairman;* Vernon D. Tate, Chief, Division of Photographic Archives and Research, The National Archives, Washington, D. C.; George A. Schwegmann, Jr., Director, Union Catalog, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; Irvin Stewart, Director, Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning, National Research Council, 41 East 42d Street, New York, New York; H. M. Lydenberg, Director, The New York Public Library, New York, New York; Archibald Mac-

Leish, Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; Herbert A. Kellar, Chairman, Committee on Historical Source Materials of the American Historical Association, 679 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois; Waldo G. Leland, *Ex-Officio* Member, Secretary, American Council of Learned Societies, Washington, D. C This Committee was authorized to investigate both types of programs and if it was thought advisable, to make the necessary arrangements for carrying them out.

Following the Conference, Dr. Leland asked me, as Chairman of the Committee on Historical Source Materials, to prepare an emergency want list of historical source materials in the war zone for the Continuation Committee as quickly as this could be done. I agreed to this request and began work on the project at once. Between June 6 and 20 I consulted with numerous scholars and compiled a list of 200 "key individuals" who might have information of value about source materials abroad of which there were no copies in this country. Subsequently this list was extended to 332. Personal letters requesting data were sent to these individuals, for the most part, between June 20 and July 1. Two hundred and twenty replies were received and of these 170 contained pertinent information. As the letters came in, data in them were recapped and typed according to countries. As soon as the country list was completed, the material in it was again recapped and typed according to depositories. The information was then arranged so that all references to records contained in a single depository were brought together under that depository, and the depositories in turn were given in order under the country in which they were located. Because of the fact that the replies continued to come in for a considerable period, it was found necessary to set a dead line for the material to appear in the original list. This dead line was fixed at August 7 and material contained in letters received up to that time was used for the original list. Information coming in after that date was presented in a supplementary list. The original *Country and Depository Emergency Want Lists of Historical Source Materials in the War Zone* were completed on September 25 and copies sent to Dr. Leland and Dr. Metcalf. The *Supplementary Country and Depository Lists* were subsequently forwarded to them on October 23. The complete *Emergency Want Lists* offer information on source materials in 35 countries. The majority of the data relate to records in England, Sweden, France, Italy, Spain, and Germany. The complete *Country Lists* comprise 439 typewritten pages, and the complete *Depository Lists* 552 pages.

Lucile O'Connor Kellar assisted the General Chairman in the compilation and editing of the material. The undertaking proved strenuous in character, but it is believed that the information assembled will prove useful for the work of the Continuation Committee. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time that any attempt has been made to ascertain, on a reasonably wide scale, what American scholars know about records in foreign countries, and it is evident from the content of the lists that they possess much valuable information. A meeting of the Continuation Committee is scheduled for November 6 in Washington, D. C., at which time decision will probably be made as to what further steps are to be taken with respect to obtaining copies or originals of historical source materials in foreign countries.

The Committee on Historical Source Materials plans to have an exhibit of publications of historical agencies at the meeting of the Southern Historical Association at Charleston, S. C., November 7 to 9, and another one at the meeting of the Society of American Archivists at Montgomery, Ala., November 11 to 12. These exhibits will be similar in character to that offered at the meeting of the American Historical Association at New York in December

1939. The Committee also plans an exhibit at the meeting of the American Historical Association at New York in December 1940.

The Albert Boni Microprint Process, which was discussed at some length in the 1939 Report, as has been noted, has been improved and perfected in the past year. Without question it is an important contribution to reproduction technique and probably will be widely used. One of the pressing needs in connection with the increased use of film copies of documents is a reading machine which is adequate from a technical standpoint and is moderate in price. There are several excellent reading machines upon the market, but their use is restricted too much on account of cost considerations. The Society of Visual Education, 100 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill., has just perfected a reading machine for roll film which is excellent from a technical viewpoint and sells for $50. The Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning of the National Research Council has likewise been constructing a film reader which will probably sell for about $30. This machine will also be of much value, but has the restriction that it can only handle strip film.

The General Chairman recently suggested to Dr. Vernon D. Tate, Editor of the *Journal of Documentary Reproduction*, that all or a considerable part of one of the future issues of the *Journal* contain a number of articles about the varied activities of Robert Binkley which, as a whole, would constitute a memorial number dedicated to him. Dr. Tate consulted with his editors and found them agreeable to this plan and such a number of the *Journal* will be published within a few months.

There are other activities of the Committee on Historical Source Materials which might be enumerated and discussed, but the above will suffice for a summary report at the moment. As stated previously a detailed report of the Committee will be prepared and forwarded early in December. Included as an appendix to this report will be several enclosures relative to matters discussed.

HERBERT A. KELLAR, *Chairman.*

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

## THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF THE "ANNUAL REPORT"

Only one volume in the *Annual Report* series was completed and distributed during the fiscal year 1939–40—the *Proceedings* volume for 1938, which constitutes Volume I of the *Report* for that year. *Writings on American History* for 1936, which is to constitute Volume II of the *Report* for that year, is nearly ready for distribution. The *Proceedings* volume for 1939, constituting Volume I of the *Report* for that year, is in galley proof, but it is unlikely that it will be ready for distribution before the end of the calendar year. A combined volume of *Writings in American History* for 1937 and 1938 was sent to the printer in June 1940, but, as no proof for it has been received as yet, it is impossible to predict when it will be ready for distribution. Copy for a volume to consist of instructions of the British Foreign Secretaries to their envoys in the United States 1791–1812, edited by Bernard Mayo, which is to appear as Volume III of the *Report* for 1936, has just been sent to the printer.

The usual allotment of $8,000 from the printing fund of the Smithsonian Institution for the publication of the *Annual Report* of the Association has been reduced for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, to $7,100, in order to assist the Smithsonian Institution in setting up a reserve from its appropriation, as required by the Bureau of the Budget. In addition there is available for expenditure during the current fiscal year a balance of $5,679.55 carried over

from the previous fiscal year, which makes the total available $12,779.55. The obligations against this sum consists of $7,436.63 for the 1937–38 *Writings*, $1,600 for the 1939 *Proceedings*, and $3,553.50 for the volume edited by Dr. Mayo, making a total of $12,590.13, which leaves only $189.37 unobligated. As this sum will be too small to provide for the *Proceedings* volume for 1940, it will be necessary to defer the printing of that volume until the appropriation for the fiscal year 1941–42 is available.

The editor, Dr. Ragatz, who was the only member of the Committee in Washington at the time, attended a hearing at the Bureau of the Budget in September with reference to the Smithsonian request for an allotment in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1941–42 of $12,000 for the publication of the *Annual Report* of the Association. In view of the uncertainty as to how much, if any, money will be available for that fiscal year and of uncertainty as to whether or not another volume of *Writings* or the accumulated index to the *Writings* will be available to send to the printer during that fiscal year, it is impossible for the Committee at present to plan any additional publications.

As the Editor is now a member of this Committee, no separate report from him will be submitted this year. The undersigned requests that he be not reappointed Chairman of the Committee; his other obligations make it impossible for him to devote as much time and attention to the work of the Committee as he feels should be given to it by the Chairman, and he is of the opinion that the chairmanship should be held by a member of the Association who does not occupy a position in the Government service.

SOLON J. BUCK, *Chairman.*

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

## THE COMMITTEE ON "WRITINGS ON AMERICAN HISTORY" [1]

The Committee on *Writings on American History*, consisting of Solon J. Buck, Everett E. Edwards, and Lester J. Cappon, *Chairman*, has made a careful study of the contents and format of this publication for the purpose of reduction of costs without impairing the essential historical value of the compilation. The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. Eliminate the section on "Aboriginal Spanish America," because most of the entries in this section deal with Spanish America south of the United States and the few concerning the area now in the United States could be listed under other subheadings under "America in General." This recommendation is in line with the plan adopted last year to eliminate the sections on "Latin America" and "British North America," beginning with the *Writings* for 1936.

2. Eliminate from the section on "Textbooks, Outlines, etc." all elementary and secondary school material.

3. Eliminate the section on "Genealogy," or make the continuance of this section contingent upon contributions to the *Writings* by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and other patriotic societies by whom such material is in greatest demand.

4. Eliminate duplicate entries by citing *See also* item numbers at the head of each section.

[1] This report governs the new series of *Writings*, beginning with the combined volume for 1939–40, to be published under the auspices of the Albert J. Beveridge Fund Committee, rather than as Vol. II of the *Annual Report* as in the past.

5. Eliminate entries derived from Abstracts of Dissertations, since the Association of Research Libraries issues an annual list of dissertations accepted by various universities.

6. Eliminate entries of reprints by listing only the original article and adding, where possible, the note, "Also reprinted."

7. In the case of magazines of lesser importance, use only one entry for each magazine, listing it by title and noting briefly the historical articles therein. *See also* cross references can be used, as suggested in paragraph 4 above.

8. Use Arabic numerals followed by a colon instead of Roman numerals for volume references, in order to save space and facilitate reading.

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10. New format proposed: 8- and 6-point type leaded, double column; no small caps to be used.

11. Resume binder's title used before 1930:

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On July 11, 1940, Dr. Solon J. Buck, Treasurer of the American Historical Association, notified Miss Griffin and the Chairman of the Committee on *Writings* as follows:

In view of the fact that the funds on hand and definitely assured for work on the compilation of *Writings on American History*, including the Association allotment for 1940–41, which will be available September 1, are barely sufficient to meet the expenses already incurred, it becomes my painful duty as Treasurer of the American Historical Association to notify you that the Association cannot assume any further obligations for this work at present. When and if funds become available that will make it possible to resume the work, I will notify you. Every effort will certainly be made to raise enough money to pay for proofreading on the volume for 1937–38 now in the hands of the printer.

The Treasurer reported later that the balance on hand in the account *Writings on American History* as of October 3, 1940, after adding the allotment from the Association for 1940–41 and paying outstanding bills, amounted to $130.23. Presumably, there will be added to this amount during the present fiscal year the sum of $84.70 of interest from the invested Jameson Fund. This addition would make a total of $214.93 available. The cost of completing the work on the 1937–38 volume, however, including indexing, proofreading, etc., is estimated at some $800. The proof for this volume is likely to come in from the Government Printing Office very soon and the Treasurer of the Association will probably authorize Miss Griffin to proceed with the work, to the extent of available funds. Beyond that point Miss Griffin cannot be expected to go, unless she is willing to defer her bills until the fund can be replenished.

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the *Writings* is still as precarious as it was a year ago, if not more so. The attempt of the Association, since Dr. Jameson's death, to raise special funds to defray the cost of compilation of these volumes, has been only partially successful and offers little promise for the future. If this series is worth while (and this seems to be the consensus of opinion among historians), your Committee feels that it ought to be included as a regular item in the budget of the Association. Perhaps after enjoying the use of this series for a third of a century, during most of which the Association has published it, we have come to take it too much for granted. Its discontinuance would mean a serious loss among the more important historical reference tools. If the compilation were carried on by a group of historians who could contribute their services, and preparation of the copy carried on through the proposed central office of the Association in Washington, D. C., the cost would be greatly reduced. The practicability of this proposal, however, is open to question, even though historians are inclined to be generous with their time and talents.

As a matter of policy, the problem of the *Writings* may be reduced to its lowest terms in the query: Can the Association afford *not* to support this series and assume its continuance?

LESTER J. CAPPON, *Chairman.*

OCTOBER 31, 1940.

## OTHER REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE MANAGING EDITOR OF "THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW"

Volume XLV of the *Review* (October 1939–July 1940) contained 1,056 pages, including an annual index of 44 pages, as compared with 1,070 pages in Volume XLIV. The total number of articles, notes and suggestion, and documents was 20, as against 22 in Volume XLIV. Volume XLV contains 256 reviews as against 272 in Volume XLIV and 516 notices as against 538, a total of reviews and notices of 772 as compared with 810 in Volume XLIV, which is a decrease of approximately 4.7 percent. The total number of articles listed was 2,479 as against 2,557 in Volume XLIV, a decrease of approximately 3 percent. These slight decreases all along the line are probably to be attributed to diminished historical output in Europe as a result of the war.

During the period covered by this report 94 articles, notes and suggestions, and documents were submitted, as compared with 96 during the preceding 12 months. Of these, 12 were accepted, 59 rejected, 2 withdrawn, and 21 returned because of uncertainty as to the future editorship of the *Review* with a statement that they would be considered if resubmitted later. Thirteen major articles were published, including the Presidential Address and an account of the Annual Meeting of the Association at Washington; of these (exclusive of the account of the latter), 6 were in the field of European history, 3 in American, and 3 in Anglo-American. There were 4 notes and suggestions, 2 in European and 2 in American history. There were 3 documentary contributions, 2 in European and 1 in American history.

In assigning books for reviews we have made much use of, and have been greatly assisted by, the two supplements to the *Review*, prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Association, which were issued during the period covered by this report: the *List of Members of the American Historical Association*, and the *List of Doctoral Dissertations in History Now in Progress . . . with an Appendix of Other Research Projects in History Now in Progress.*

By action of the Council the appropriation for the *Review* was increased by $100 for the year covered by this report ($6,700 to $6,800) and by $150 (to $6,850) for the year ending August 31, 1941. This was done at the request of the Managing Editor so that a slight increase might be made in the salary of Miss Miller, editorial assistant of the *Review*, and embarrassment avoided in meeting other office expenses. As it turned out our expenditures for the year fell short of our appropriation by $100.65, as shown by a statement received from the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. This was because office expenses (other than Miss Miller's salary) were less than the preceding year, when we bought stationery and wrapping paper in quantity, with the result that our expenses on account of these items for 1939–40 were less than normal.

The Council will note with satisfaction that a comparison of the Macmillian Profit and Loss statement for July 16, 1939–July 15, 1940, with that for the preceding 12 months, shows an increase in the Association's share of profits of $103.50.

R. L. SCHUYLER, *Managing Editor.*

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM ON CHANGES IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICE AFTER AUGUST 31, 1940

Eleanor D. Smith resigned as Assistant Editor of the *Review* on September 30, having served it with excepional ability and devotion for seven and a half years. She was married last June to Dr. Thomas Walker Moore, a member of the Department of Mathematics of the United States Naval Academy, and has taken up her residence in Annapolis. Her work as Assistant Editor is being carried on by Florence Miller, who has been connected with the *Review* for more than 3 years, at a salary of $2,000 a year. Miss Miller is a graduate of Brooklyn College and a Master of Arts of Columbia University.

Mrs. Mildred Chamberlain has been appointed as Editorial Assistant at a salary of $1,300 a year and began her work on October 1. She holds the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Idaho.

As a result of these changes in the editorial office, the salaries of the Managing Editor, Assistant Editor, and Editorial Assistant for the fiscal year, September 1, 1940, to August 31, 1941, would be as follows: Managing Editor, $2,500; Assistant Editor, $2,033.33 (Miss Smith at $200 per month for September 1940, plus Miss Miller at $166.66 per month from October 1, 1940–August 31, 1941); Editorial Assistant, $1,291.67 (Miss Miller at $100 per month for September 1940, plus Mrs. Chamberlain at $108.33 per month from October 1, 1940–August 31, 1941). The sum of these ($5,825) is less than the sum of the three salaries for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1940 ($6,060), by $235. I think, however, that the Council would not be well advised to regard this saving in salaries as warranting a reduction in the appropriation for the *Review*. The removal of the office equipment, books, etc. from New York to Washington will presumably have to be met out of the 1940–41 appropriation, and expenditures for stationery and office equipment cannot be held down to the figures for 1939–40.

R. L. SCHUYLER, *Managing Editor.*

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

REPORT ON GENERAL INDEX TO "WRITINGS ON AMERICAN HISTORY"

The collating and carding of the personal and place titles of the prepared general index to *Writings on American History* has advanced since I reported a year ago from Letter C to Letter K. This is a considerable batch in this

interminable task, but not what I had expected to do or what could be expected from my last report. It turned out that the job of winding up the work of the Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission fell almost entirely on me; as the funds were exhausted all the rest of the staff were discharged. I have this day taken to the press the copy of the index to our book, which is the final phase of the work. This gives the index of the *Writings* a clear field for the present at least. The appropriation for finishing up the *Writings of Washington* has not been made and there is little possibility that it will be by the present Congress.

DAVID M. MATTESON.

OCTOBER 21, 1940.

## REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF "SOCIAL EDUCATION"

Since January 1, 1940, the majority of the members of the Executive Board of *Social Education* have been appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies. That transfer of control of editorial policy has not, however, modified the purposes or content of the journal. Nor will the termination on December 31, 1940, of the agreement under which the journal has been published by the American Book Co. affect its format or quality. The National Council for the Social Studies will now undertake the publishing responsibility, contracting for printing, distribution, and promotion.

A new section of "Notes and News," concerned with audio-visual teaching aids, has been added during the year. Efforts to increase the number of "subject-matter" articles in history and social science have resulted in the publication of a series of articles on government, of several articles in economics, and of a few in history and sociology. More semipopular history is still much needed.

Attention has been given to such subjects, of current interest to schools, as public opinion and propaganda, the community and use of community resources in teaching, and the nature of democracy. On the methods side particular attention has been given to programs for nonreaders and slow learners, and to effective education for democratic citizenship. We continue to receive more articles, especially relating to methods, from which to select.

Our subscription list has continued to grow, though it is still subject to some seasonal fluctuation. The National Council for the Social Studies recently established headquarters in Washington, in charge of a newly created Executive Secretary, and plans a vigorous drive for members, which, as it succeeds, automatically brings new subscribers.

Editorial expenses for the year ending August 31, 1940, were $6,969.63, or $1,219.26 less than for the preceding year. Receipts from advertising and that part of subscription income (20 percent) allocated to editorial costs totaled $4,241.93, or $660.75 less than for the preceding year, the decline being due to a drop in advertising receipts, a trend which now appears to be reversed. The net cost of the magazine for the year, met from reserves, was $2,727.70, or $558.51 less than for 1938–39. Our reserve on August 31, 1940, including deposits in New York, totaled $9,508.79. The appended statement is that of the Treasurer of the American Historical Association.

A continuing effort is being made to reduce expenses. If the subscription list continues to gain, and if the world crisis does not substantially increase expenses and reduce the ability of teachers to subscribe, the financial security of the journal, even continuing present size and format, should be secure.

ERLING M. HUNT, *Editor.*

NOVEMBER 1, 1940

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR "SOCIAL EDUCATION"

*Sept. 1, 1939, to Aug. 31, 1940*

| | | *Receipts* | *Disbursements* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand, September 1, 1939 | | $9,944.42 | |
| Interest on savings account | | 111.33 | |
| Royalties: | | | |
| Beard, *A Charter for the Social Sciences* | $29.15 | | |
| Beard, *The Nature of the Social Sciences* | 19.03 | | |
| Johnson, *Introduction to the History of the Social Sciences* | 6.18 | | |
| Pierce, *Citizens' Organizations and the Civic Training of Youth* | 9.45 | | |
| Wesley, *Tests* | 12.83 | | |
| Merriam, *Civic Education in the U. S.* | 42.00 | | |
| Bowman, *Geography in Relation to the Social Sciences* | 24.80 | | |
| Newlon, *Educational Administration as Social Policy* | 38.25 | | |
| Kelley-Krey, *Tests and Measurements* | 28.13 | | |
| Counts, *The Social Foundations of Education* | 211.05 | | |
| Curti, *The Social Ideas of American Educators* | 50.85 | | |
| Tryon, *The Social Sciences as School Subjects* | 31.05 | | |
| Horn, *Methods of Instruction in the Social Sciences* | 340.31 | | |
| Bagley-Alexander, *The Selection and Training of the Teacher* | 17.70 | | |
| Beale, *Are American Teachers Free?* | 50.41 | | |
| Marshall-Goets, *Curriculum-Making in the Social Studies* | 45.93 | | |
| Clark, *Exercises in Historical Evidence* | .61 | | |
| Kelty-Moore, *Tests of Concepts* | 2.88 | | |
| *Conclusions and Recommendations* | 30.94 | | |
| | | 991.55 | |
| Subscriptions and advertising | | 4,875.05 | |
| Royalty payments to authors: | | | |
| Johnson volume | 4.33 | | |
| Pierce volume | 6.62 | | |
| Wesley *Tests* | 7.70 | | |
| Kelty-Moore *Tests* | 2.02 | | |
| Tryon volume | 21.74 | | |
| Horn volume | 238.22 | | |
| | | | $280.63 |
| Transferred to operating account | | | 7,188.89 |
| | | 15,922.35 | 7,469.52 |
| Balance, August 31, 1940 | | | 8,452.83 |
| | | 15,922.35 | 15,922.35 |

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION ON THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Several phases of the work of the Social Science Research Council during the current year are of particular interest to historians. In order to facilitate

research planning, a survey of the research in American history during the past 5 years has been authorized. The report will describe the work in progress, particularly in relation to its application to social science. It will enable the Social Science Research Council to consider more effectively the work of historians in relation to the general projects which the Council is undertaking from time to time.

The Committee of the Council on Local History has in preparation a research manual which is designed to describe the important contribution which workers in local history can make to social science, and to analyze and improve techniques for this type of study.

The Council's Committee on Appraisal sponsored the appraisal of a series of significant works, one from each of the various disciplines. The historical contribution selected was Webb's *Great Plains*. The appraisal of this book was made by Fred A. Shannon and, as in the case of the other reviews, a conference attended by a number of authorities was held to discuss it. The appraisal and a report of the proceedings of the conference have been published.

Grants-in-aid were awarded to a number of historical scholars as reported in *The American Historical Review*. Very few applications for fellowships were made by historians, and it is hoped that more interest in this type of grant may be manifested by qualified students in history.

The Social Science Research Council has established a new committee on the Control of Social Data, which will attempt to take up in part the work so brilliantly performed by the late Dr. Robert C. Binkley as head of the Joint Committee on Materials. This Committee is about to enlist the aid and advice of historians in studying better methods for controlling basic population data, particularly that available in preregistration periods.

GUY STANTON FORD,
ROY F. NICHOLS,
ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER.

NOVEMBER 1, 1940.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH

### *Membership*

The membership on December 2 is 325, an increase of 12 over the number reported a year ago.

### *Annual Meeting, 1939*

The last Annual Meeting was held at the University of California in Los Angeles on December 27, 28, and 29. 123 members registered, coming from Arizona, California, Idaho, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

### *Annual Meeting, 1940*

The meeting this year will be at the University of California in Berkeley on December 29, 30, and 31. Copies of the program are available for members of the Council.

*Preliminary Financial Statement*

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| Balance, Jan. 1, 1940 | | $98.62 |
| Income: | | |
| American Historical Association | $100.00 | |
| Sale of *Proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch* | 15.00 | |
| Interest | 1.36 | |
| | | 116.36 |
| | | 214.98 |
| Expense: | | |
| Stationery and supplies | 11.00 | |
| Postage | 15.07 | |
| Printing (estimate) | 55.00 | |
| Secretarial assistance (estimate) | 20.00 | |
| | | 101.07 |
| Balance Dec. 2, 1940 | | 113.91 |
| | | 214.98 |

Not all the bills for printing done or secretarial assistance given have been received at this date, but the amounts will be within the estimates made. The expenses of the committees preparing the program and making the local arrangements for the Annual Meeting, which are not included in this statement, will be met by registration fees collected at the meeting. It should be noted that individual members serving on committees have frequently paid for postage and secretarial assistance, and that the officers have paid their own travelling expenses.

The final financial statement will be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer after the close of the year.

The officers and members of the Pacific Coast Branch are satisfied with their present position within the Association and hope that it will become permanent through the regular renewal of the annual subvention.

ROBERT J. KERNER.

NOVEMBER 25, 1941.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, DECEMBER 29–31, 1940

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held in International House at the University of California in Berkeley, December 29–31, 1940. The committee preparing the program consisted of Professors Max Savelle (*Chairman*), Woodbridge Bingham, Hardin Craig, Jr., and Melvin C. Jacobs. Local arrangements were made by Professors Howard McGaw Smyth (*Chairman*), Herbert E. Bolton and Engel Sluiter. The Institute of Pacific Relations collaborated in certain of the sessions and in the exhibit of publications arranged through the University of California Press.

An informal reception the evening of December 29 opened the meeting. The following morning the opening session was divided into four sections. Professor John W. Caughey presided over the section on the Era of the American Revolution. Professor Dan E. Clark of the University of Oregon read his paper on *English Newspaper Opinion Toward America, 1754–1763*[1] which was originally scheduled for the 1939 meeting. The other papers were by Professor Austin E. Hutcheson of the University of Nevada on *The Loyal Fourteenth Colony: Nova Scotia and Maritime Canada;* by Professor Merrill M. Jensen of the University of Washington on *The Idea of National Government During the American Revolution;* and by Dr. Edward H. Tatum, Jr. on *Fear and American Foreign Relations, 1776–1823*, read for him by Dr. Engel Sluiter.

Professor Howard A. Hubbard presided over the section on the South Pacific and Southeast Asia at which the following papers were read: *Pierre Poivre, 18th Century Explorer of Southeast Asia* by Lewis A. Maverick of the University of California, Los Angeles; *Anglo-French Rivalry in Southeast Asia, 1860–1910*[2] by John L. Christian of the University of California, Berkeley; and *The Third Earl Grey and Australian Nationalism* by Charles Stuart Blackton of Adams State Teachers College, Colorado.

The third section, with Professor Richard W. Van Alstyne in the chair, heard papers on *Charles Albert and the Beginnings of Constitutional Government in Piedmont*, by Howard McGaw Smyth of the University of California, Berkeley; *The Military Collapse of France in 1870–1871* by Lew D. Oliver of the Modesto Junior College; and *Social Foundations of World War Strategy*[3] by Wolfgang Hallgarten of the University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Frederick L. Nussbaum presided over the section on English History in place of Mr. Edward A. Whitney, prevented by illness from attending the meeting. The papers were by Mr. Walter L. Woodfill of the University of California, Berkeley, on *The Knowledge of Music in Elizabethan England;* by Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Jr. of the California Institute of Technology on *Propaganda Techniques in the English Civil War;* and by Professor Andrew Fish of the University of Oregon on *Some English Historians and History.*

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[1] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review.*

[2] Published in *The Geographical Review,* April 1941.

[3] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review.*

After luncheon a general session was held on "The Historical Background of International Organization in the Western Hemisphere" with Professor Herbert E. Bolton in the chair. Professor Walter N. Sage of the University of British Columbia opened the session with a paper on *The Historical Peculiarities of Canada with Regard to Hemisphere Defense* [4] and Professor W. Stull Holt of the University of Washington continued with a discussion of *The United States and the Defense of the Western Hemisphere, 1815–1940*.[5] Dr. Octavio Mendez Pereira, the Rector of the University of Panama, completed the trilogy with a paper on *The Significance of Hispanic-American Defense of the Continent*.[6] After discussion from the floor, the Chairman brought the session to a close with a brief statement on the importance of cultural understanding between the English and Spanish speaking parts of the hemisphere.

Provost and Mrs. Monroe E. Deutsch received the members at tea in the Stephens Union in behalf of the University of California, and the day closed with a "Secret Session" at the Faculty Club. The "Secret" was revealed by the Chairman to be humor, but the uncertainties of the situation caused one paper to be "read" extemporaneously, another by proxy and the third to be suppressed entirely in favor of the known quantity of California tall tales.

The morning session on December 31 was again divided into four sections. Professor Earl Cranston presided over the section on "Cultural Relations Between the Far East and the West." The papers were by Professor Theodore E. Treutlein of San Francisco State College on *Jesuit Missions in China During the Last Years of K'ang-Hsi;* [7] by Edward Hagemann, S. J. of Alma College on *The Persecution of the Christians in Japan in the Middle of the 17th Century;* by Professor Ralph Tyler Flewelling of the University of Southern California on *Chinese Influences on European Enlightenment* (read by Professor Woodbridge Bingham); and by Professor Thomas E. LaFargue of Washington State College on *Some Early Chinese Visitors to the United States*.[8]

The section on "The Pacific Coast of the United States," presided over by Professor Herman J. Deutsch, was devoted to papers on *Hawaii and the American Penetration of the Northeastern Pacific, 1800–1845* [9] by Professor Harold W. Bradley of Stanford University; *A Century of Steamship Lines in the Pacific* by Dr. John H. Kemble of Pomona College; and *The Oregon Steam Navigation Company: an Example of Capitalism on the Frontier* by Professor Dorothy Johansen [10] of Reed College which, in her absence, was read by Dr. Samuel Mohler.

The third section, with Professor Frank W. Pitman in the chair, heard papers on *The Origin of the Roman Dole* by Dr. Hugh Nibley of Claremont Colleges and on *Some Aspects of Social Stratification in 15th Century England* by Miss Sylvia L. Thrupp of the University of British Columbia. The section on "Population Problems in North America" followed immediately, with Professor Carl Brand presiding. Professor J. E. Wallace Sterling of the California Institute of Technology analysed *Canada's Population Problem* and Professor Charles M. Gates of the University of Washington contributed a paper on the *Contemporary Analysis of the American City, 1870–1914*.

At the conclusion of the section meetings the Business Session was held, with President Lutz in the chair. Reports were heard from the Secretary-Treasurer and from the Business Manager and the Managing Editor of *The Pacific Historical*

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[4] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review*.
[5] Published in *The Pacific Historical Review*, March 1941.
[6] Published in *The Pacific Historical Review*, March 1941.
[7] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review*.
[8] Published in *T'ien Hsia*, October–November 1940.
[9] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review*.
[10] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review*.

*Review.* The following awards were then announced. American History: *The American Department of the British Government*, 1768–1782, by Mrs. Margaret Marion Spector; and Pacific History: *The Australian Movement Against Penal Transportation from Great Britain*, 1835–1865, by Charles Stuart Blackton. No award was made in European History. The following resolution was reported by a committee consisting of Professors Andrew Fish (*Chairman*), Thomas E. LaFargue and Mr. Lindley Bynum and was accepted unanimously:

The Committee on Resolutions recommends that the thanks of the Association be expressed to the University of California, to its Department of History and to the officials of International House for their admirable work in the arrangements for the meeting and for the comfort of the members attending.

The following resolution, referred to the Council on December 29, 1939, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, together with the recommendation of the Council:

*Whereas*, in the field of historical research we sometimes encounter important source materials which have been acquired improperly by their present holders,

*Be it resolved*, That it be the recognized policy of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association not to publish in our historical quarterlies or otherwise recognize any paper, study, graduate thesis or other production which in any way rests upon the use of such allegedly wrongly-acquired material unless it be accompanied by a suitable printed recognition of the fact.

The opinion of the Council is that the Pacific Coast Branch is not in a position to act in such a fashion and that publicity is a more effective check on improper actions of this nature. A member may submit a signed statement to the Managing Editor for publication in *The Pacific Historical Review*, together with a reply from the other party in the case.

The statement was accepted without dissent after it was made clear, at the request of Professor Caughey, that the Board of Editors of *The Pacific Historieal Review* were not being placed under an obligation to publish such statements.

On the motion of Professor Koontz it was agreed that the Council of the Pacific Coast Branch and the Board of Editors of *The Pacific Historical Review* should exchange representatives to correlate their activities.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Professors J. J. Van Nostrand, Carl F. Brand, John W. Caughey, and Charles M. Gates reported the following nominations, which were accepted:

President, Waldemar Westergaard, University of California, Los Angeles;

Vice President, Frederic L. Paxson, University of California, Berkeley;

Secretary-Treasury, John H. Kemble, Pomona College;

Council, the above officers and W. Stull Holt, University of Washington; Louis K. Koontz, University of California, Los Angeles; Max Savelle, Stanford University; Frederick L. Nussbaum, University of Wyoming.

Board of Editors, *The Pacific Historical Review*, Peter M. Dunne, University of San Francisco; Charles B. Fahs, Pomona College.

Committee on Awards: *European History*, Frank J. Klingberg, *Chairman;* Lynn T. White, Jr., Stanford University; Reginald F. Arragon, Reed College; *American History*, Max Savelle, *Chairman*, Stanford University; Brainerd Dyer, University of California, Los Angeles; Erik M. Eriksson, University of Southern California; *Pacific History*, Harold W. Bradley, *Chairman*, Stanford University; Woodbridge Bingham, University of California, Berkeley; Harold J. Noble, University of Oregon.

Dr. Edgar L. McRae summarized the results of the Historical Records Survey in a vigorous report. At the conclusion of the meeting the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to convey the greetings of the Association to Professors

Percy A. Martin and William A. Morris, prevented by illness from attending the meeting, and the following resolution was added to the report of the Committee on Resolutions:

The Association hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of the services of Francis H. Herrick who, during 5 years as Secretary-Treasurer, has signally sustained the high standards of this office, so important to the successful functioning of the organization.

The afternoon of December 31 was devoted to a symposium on "The Social Sciences and History" with Professor Arnold Bergsträsser as Chairman. The session opened with a paper by Professor William B. Munro, of the California Institute of Technology, on *Clio and Her Cousins*, which was read for him by Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Jr. Professor Jan Broek of the University of California, Berkeley, discussed *The Relations Between History and Geography;* Professor Karl Bode of Stanford University, *Economic Analysis and History;*[11] and Professor Lewis M. Terman of Stanford University *Should the Historian Study Psychology?* The day closed with the Annual Dinner, at which President Herbert E. Bolton presided, and President Lutz concluded the meeting with his address on *The Collapse of German Democracy, 1930–1933.*[12]

*Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, Financial Statement, 1940*

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| Balance, Jan. 3, 1940 | | $98. 62 |
| Income: | | |
| American Historical Association | $100. 00 | |
| Interest | 1. 36 | |
| Sale of *Proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch* | 15. 00 | |
| Registration fees, Annual Meeting | 69. 00 | |
| | | 185. 36 |
| | | 283. 98 |
| Expense: | | |
| Printing | 61. 03 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 13. 08 | |
| Clerical assistance | 22. 25 | |
| Postage | 25. 47 | |
| Annual Meeting | 99. 98 | |
| | | 221. 81 |
| Balance, Jan. 2, 1941 | | 62. 17 |
| | | 283. 98 |

[11] To be published in *The Pacific Historical Review.*

[12] Published in *The Pacific Historical Review,* March 1941.

# THE CONFERENCE OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES: THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 27, 1940.

## MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, DECEMBER 27, 1940

The thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies, in concurrent session with the American Historical Association was held in the Assembly Hall of the New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York City, on Friday afternoon, December 27, 1940. The Chairman, Dr. C. C. Crittenden of the North Carolina Historical Commission, presided, and called the meeting to order at 2:30 o'clock. The following historical societies and agencies were represented by the delegates named:

National Archives: Herbert E. Angel, Solon J. Buck, Meredith B. Colket, Jr., Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr., and Gaston Litton;

Historical Records Survey: Lillian Kessler, John O. Marsh, George W. Roach;

United States Department of Agriculture: Everett E. Edwards;

National Park Service: Ronald F. Lee, Thomas M. Pitkin, Frederick L. Rath, Jr., Francis S. Ronalds, W. R. Savadge, Frederick Tilberg, M. J. Weig;

American Historical Association: Solon J. Buck, Grace Gardner Griffin;

American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society: O. T. Barck, Merrill Denison;

Society of American Archivists: Herbert A. Kellar, Margaret C. Norton;

Columbia Historical Society, Washington, D. C.: Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr.;

Fairfield (Conn.) Historical Society: Mary Darlington Taylor;

Historical Society of Delaware: Grace Heilman;

Illinois State Archives: Margaret C. Norton;

McCormick Historical Association: Herbert A. Kellar;

Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago: Russell H. Anderson;

Detroit Council on Local History: Joe L. Norris;

Michigan Historical Collection, University of Michigan: L. G. Vander Velde;

Minnesota Historical Society: Grace Lee Nute;

Mississippi Valley Historical Association: Bertha E. Josephson;

New Jersey Historical Society and New Brunswick Historical Club: Robert T. Thompson;

Hunterdon County (N. J.) Historical Society: Hiram E. Deats;

Flushing (N. Y.) Historical Society: Haynes Trebor;

Nassau County (N. Y.) Historical and Genealogical Society: Courtney Robert Hall;

Nassau County Historian: Jesse Merritt and Mrs. Merritt;

Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands: A. Elwood Corning;

Art Commission, New York City: A. Everett Peterson;

New York Historical Society: Dorothy C. Barck, H. Maxson Holloway, Margaret E. Lippencott, Susan E. Lyman, Harold F. Nutzhorn, Donald Shelley, A. J. Wall, A. J. Wall, Jr., John T. Washbourn, Edna W. Watkins;

New York Public Library: Robert W. Hill, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Henry C. Strippel;

New York State Historical Association: Edward P. Alexander;

New York State Library: Edna L. Jacobsen;

Staten Island Historical Society: Charles C. Stoddard, Loring McMillen;

Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences: William T. Davis;
Historical Society of the Town of Warwick, N. Y.: Mrs. George M. Van Duzer;
North Carolina Historical Commission: C. C. Crittenden and Mrs. Crittenden;
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: Eleanor S. Wilby;
Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society: William D. Overman;
Hayes Memorial Library: James H. Rodabaugh;
Committee on Private Research, Cleveland: Adeline Barry;
Public Office Holders Project: Virginia Massey;
Oklahoma Historical Society: James W. Moffitt;
Historical Society of Pennsylvania: William Reitzel;
Pennsylvania Historical Association: Lawrence Henry Gipson;
Historical Society of York County, Pa.: Henry James Young;
Rhode Island Historical Society: William G. Roelker;
Vermont Historical Society: Edward A. Hoyt;
Virginia Historical Society and Virginia State Library: Morgan P. Robinson;
National Society of Colonial Dames, New York: Aline Kate Fox, Mrs. S. C. Weekes Hoppin, Mrs. Henry Alsop Riley;
Daughters of the American Revolution: Jean Stephenson;
Sons of Confederate Veterans: Jerome Alexander.

Others present included: L. D. Baldwin, University of Pittsburgh; J. L. Curtiss, Rockville Centre, N. Y.; John W. Huizenga, Princeton University Graduate School; Carlton W. Insley, Bard College; Ruby Mixon, Fort Worth, Tex.; William Thomas Morrey, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Musschoot, Columbus, Ohio; Ernst Posner, American University; Basil Rauch, New York City; Mrs. M. B. Ross, New York City; and Mrs. Edith Tunnell, New York City.

Opening the session, Dr. Crittenden, the Chairman, explained that the principal work before the meeting was to consider the establishment of a new local history association, as recommended in the report of the Policy Committee which was set up according to a resolution passed at the 1939 meeting. Other business was therefore reduced to a minimum, and the reading of the minutes which had been printed and distributed, was omitted. The Secretary's report was read by Miss Barck, and accepted on motion.

Dr. Herbert A. Kellar, of the McCormick Historical Association, read a summary of the Policy Committee's report,[1] a printed copy of which had been distributed to everyone present. Dr. Kellar presented a motion, which was seconded by Dr. A. Everett Peterson, of the New York City Art Commission, that the report of the Committee be accepted. The Chairman remarked that the Conference was following suggestions made last year in having a meeting without formal papers, but that the discussion relative to the Committee's report would be started and led by those whose names were printed in the American Historical Association program, beginning with Dr. Edward P. Alexander, of the New York State Historical Association.

Dr. Alexander recalled that, during his chairmanship of the Conference, suggestions were made that it be allowed to lapse, but that it had been kept alive because a number of historical leaders had expressed the opinion that there was a field for it, if it could be made useful. He told of his discouragement, during a recent trip to the West, upon visiting local societies which showed little activity as to meetings, publications, or museum work, and expressed the hope that their need of inspiration and assistance might be met by such an organization as the new association proposed by the Policy Committee.

[1] See pp. 103 ff.

Dr. Kellar explained that two suggestions had been made at Policy Committee meetings: that the older and more affluent societies form an association and operate it, gradually spreading out and taking in more members; and the second, that the beginning be made with local societies, on a national basis, including those with an amateur interest in local history, and working up a strong national society. The organization actually proposed by the Committee embraces both these ideas in a middle-of-the-road program. Dr. Kellar pointed out that there are several activities in local history, and instanced the Committee on Private Research in Cleveland, which secured a grant from the Carnegie Institute.

Mr. Ronald F. Lee, Chief of the Historic Sites Division of the National Park Service, emphasized the possibility of bringing into the fold of the new organization individuals who have a real interest in local history but no present connection with historical societies. He told of the work of the National Park Service in its historic sites conservation program, in historical tours, adult education, and the compilation of leaflets for visitors to national and historical parks. The Federal Government has accumulated data of value to local historians through its historical sites survey, which has gathered 200 documented reports on historic and archaeological sites; through the Historic American Buildings Survey, which photographed and measured about 2,200 structures, including bridges, mills, and taverns; and through the War Department, which has several hundred reports on battlefield sites. The National Park Service has no means of making such material available, but if a clearing house were set up, something might be done. The Park Service can assist an organization of local historical societies, and on the other hand, local societies can cooperate with the government in such ways as reviewing proposed WPA projects for archaeological works, or by contracting for the actual administration of historic sites. Much of the research done by the Park Service has been in past contributions of State and local societies, and the societies have helped the department by providing channels of publication. The Park Service is now conducting active research in some 31 areas in 22 States. Real results may be accomplished by joint planning of research and joint activities. Mr. Lee expressed the hope that collaboration between the Park Service and the proposed local history organization could be developed, and felt strongly that many means of practical cooperation would be found.

Dr. Ernst Posner, now of the American University, told about the success of the joint society of German historical and antiquarian societies, which was founded in 1852. At first, archival agencies and museums belonged to the joint society, but it was found that special organizations were needed for them, so that the central organization now includes only historical societies, regional and local antiquarian societies, and institutions interested in research in local history. The German joint society has no individual members, but Dr. Posner felt that the proposed American organization was wise to provide for membership by individuals. The meetings of the German joint society are held in conjunction with the society of German archivists, and the cooperation between archivists and local and regional historians in Germany has been extremely successful. Formerly German professors were not on the whole inclined to pay much attention to local historians or local historical societies, but that attitude has changed recently and meetings now enlist the cooperation of professors. The joint society has worked in Germany for 88 years, and has edited a news letter continuously, despite some financial difficulties.

Dr. Jean Stephenson, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was introduced by the Chairman as the next discussion leader. She told of her large

correspondence with people whose avocation is local history but who need guidance as to methods of work and as to what material and indexes are available. Not to appeal to their support would be to miss a great field of labor and also of money, since contributions go where interests lie. Many amateur historians do much valuable work in their fields, and their work should be coordinated with that of professional historians. The amateurs could be helped by suggestions about research, collecting, and editorial problems, and through a central clearing house for information about what has been published and about research under way. Dr. Stephenson recommended the adoption of the proposed constitution. She said she felt the name was broad enough to include individuals as well as societies, and that societies whose interests are specific, such as in military, family, racial, or religious history, should also come within the scope of the new organization. The proposed association should include all who are interested in the details of history. Through the increase in interest aroused by the national organization, the historical societies in each state could be strengthened. She thought it would be good to have a paid secretariat, in order to have one person who could devote all his time to the organization.

Mr. Alexander J. Wall, Director of the New York Historical Society, said he had known of three or four unsuccessful attempts to form a central organization of historical societies. After failures to organize a national one, he had tried some 15 years ago to start one for the societies on the eastern seaboard, but the largest attendance at any meeting was six or eight. Some small societies are so poor they could not afford to pay the expenses of a delegate, so it all comes back to money. Ways and means must be found to finance the new association. One reason for the poor support generally given to historical societies is that they have failed to realize how important they can be in a community. There are more historical societies in the world than there are art or scientific organizations. The world is now struggling for democracy. Unless we show what democracy has done, how can we save ourselves? Historical societies, without funds, have gathered and preserved tremendous collections of manuscripts, books, and newspapers. Now their collections should be interpreted and used in telling the story of democracy. The man in the street is interested in local happenings and everyone loves his own community. The visitor to an historical museum must be interested not only in the history of his own locality, but means should be used to lead him also to an interest in national history. Interest can be stimulated by pointing out the history of each visitor's own line. If the fact that a certain document was signed on a particular table means little to him, perhaps his enthusiasm can be aroused by telling him instead about the craftsman who made the table. What the smaller and poorer societies need is not so much criticism about what they do not do, as help to do something. The proposed organization could do much in arousing interest, enlisting laymen, and simplifying the results of scholarship so that the man in the street can use it. The New York Historical Society would support the new association by becoming a life member, and so would its President, its Director, and its Editor.

The Chairman then asked for general discussion. Mr. William G. Roelker, the new Librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society, said that he had increased its membership 27 percent in 60 days. His invitation to join the society had brought one immediate acceptance with the comment that the new member had not, in 25 years, been asked to join. The society was now placing emphasis on the collection of ephemeral material on current events such as the hurricane of 1938 and the election of 1940. Members were given the task of collecting material on some specific happening, locality, club, or racial group, and individual responsibility had been found of the greatest appeal to potential new members.

Mrs. M. B. Ross, from her years of experience in organization work, suggested that the best method was to have leaders form groups of 20 to meet weekly with monthly or semimonthly meetings of all groups within a county. Everyone is interested in history, she believes, and in every county at least one out of three adults could be interested in attending discussion groups to consider historical events, local, national, or international.

The Chairman inquired whether there were any representatives present from Canada. Mr. Merrill Denison, secretary of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, said that he was not officially a delegate from a Canadian society, but that as a founder of the Ontario Architectural Conservancy he might remark that the many societies in Ontario and Quebec were tremendously interested in American history, particularly the Loyalist aspect; that there was no feeling of enmity left on account of the American Revolution, but a real desire for cooperation and international collaboration. He felt that the new organization would undoubtedly be welcome in Canada, as it would be appreciated by anyone who had dipped into the confused problem of historical societies in this country and who had found the need of just this kind of organization as a central source of information. In one field, he thought the proposed organization could use its influence: to prevent the mangling and vulgarization of history as presented over the air by radio programs. The name of the proposed organization he felt was too long, and that its change should be considered by the Committee.

Mr. William Thomas Morrey, of New York City, suggested that in the name proposed, "American" be changed to "In America."

The Chairman asked for further suggestions, and for any statements opposed to the association proposed by the Policy Committee. As there was no further discussion, and no expression of opposition, the motion to accept the report of the Policy Committee was presented and passed unanimously.

Dr. Kellar read a résumé of the printed constitution, including changes made by the Committee after the report was printed, with reference to the composition and size of the proposed Council. Dr. Solon J. Buck suggested that the printed document be considered the one submitted, and that changes be made as formal recommendations, and made a matter of record. Dr. Buck moved that the meeting consider the proposed constitution item by item with the understanding that if no objection were voiced to an item, the Chairman would consider that item approved. This was seconded by Mr. Jerome Alexander and carried.

Dr. Crittenden then read the first article of the proposed constitution: "The name of the organiation shall be The American Association for State and Local History." There was immediate discussion from the floor, pointing out that the name was too long, that the term "state" did not apply to the Canadian provinces; on the other hand, that the name was the result of the Committee's grave consideration, that it might take all afternoon to decide on a better, and that there was a provision in the proposed constitution for future amendment. Dr. Stephenson introduced a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morgan P. Robinson and passed, that the suggested name be provisionally adopted as provided in the first article, and that proposed improved names be submitted for discussion at the first Annual Meeting.

The Chairman then read the second article: "The object of the organization shall be the promotion of effort and activity in the fields of state, provincial, and local history in the United States and Canada." Miss Kessler, of Cleveland, asked whether South America was included. Dr. Crittenden answered that the present Conference includes only the United States and Canada, and that the proposed organization covered only the same field. There was no objection voiced to the second article, which the Chairman declared adopted.

The third and fourth articles, relating to membership and dues, and the fifth article, about the officers of the Association, were read by the Chairman, and declared adopted without discussion or objection.

The Chairman read the proposed sixth article, relating to the Council. Dr. Kellar introduced as a motion a recommendation of the Policy Committee that the following changes be made in this article: That the number of elected members of the Council be increased from 5 to 10; that two instead of one be elected at each Annual Meeting; that in the last sentence, the words: "of the United States" be interpolated after the word "region" in the phrase "region north of the Mason-Dixon Line-Ohio River"; and that the following provision be inserted at the end of that sentence: "and at least one elected member shall be from Canada." Dr. Buck suggested that the motion be divided, so that the question of the increase in the membership of the Council might be considered separately from the geographical distribution. Dr. Kellar revised his motion to read: Resolved, That the first sentence of Article 6 of the proposed constitution be amended to read: "The government of the Association, the management of its affairs, and the regulation of its procedure, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall be vested in a Council composed of the officers and 10 members elected by the Association, 2 at each Annual Meeting, for a term of 5 years." This motion was seconded by Dr. Alexander and carried.

Dr. Kellar then moved that the last sentence in Article 6 of the proposed constitution be amended to read: "At least one elected member shall be from the region of the United States north of the Mason-Dixon Line-Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River; at least one elected member shall be from the region south of the Mason-Dixon Line-Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River; at least one elected member shall be from the region west of the Mississippi River; and at least one elected member shall be from Canada."

Dr. Buck introduced a substitute motion: That all of the last sentence beginning "At least one elected member" be stricken from Article 6. This substitute motion was seconded by Mr. Henry James Young. Dr. V. H. Paltsits commented that it was a good suggestion as it left a little latitude in the choice of Council members, and Dr. Buck said he felt it was unwise to restrict the Nominating Committee to geographical distinctions. This motion to substitute Dr. Buck's amendment was carried; and on a motion made by Mr. Young, seconded by Dr. Alexander, it was voted that the last sentence of Article 6 be stricken out. Dr. Alexander then introduced a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Peterson and carried: That Article 6 be adopted as amended.

The Chairman then read Article 7, relating to the nomination and election of officers. Dr. Buck introduced a motion: "That the first sentence of Article 7 be amended to read: There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of one of the retiring elected members of the Council, as Chairman, to be designated by the President, and two members of the Association, not members of the Council, appointed by the President at the preceding Annual Meeting." This motion was seconded by Dr. Kellar and passed. Upon motion by Dr. Kellar, seconded by Dr. Alexander, it was voted that Article 7 be adopted as amended.

Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, relating to the duties of the officers and the filling of vacancies, were read, there was no discussion, and they were declared adopted. Article 13, relating to the Annual Meeting, was read and adopted without discussion. When Article 14, relating to Council meetings, was read, Dr. Kellar introduced a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morrey and carried, that the number of members required to constitute a quorum be increased from four to five. It was then moved by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Peterson, and carried, that Article 14 be adopted as amended.

Articles 15, 16, 17, and 18, relating to Publications, Records, and Amendments, were read by the Chairman, and declared adopted.

To Article 19. the Schedule, Dr. Kellar proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Dr. Alexander and passed, that the word "five" in the first sentence relating to members of the Council be changed to "ten." Upon motion by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Dr. Kellar, it was voted that Article 19 be adopted as amended.

Dr. Kellar then moved that the constitution,[2] as read and amended, be adopted. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Denison and passed unanimously.

The Chairman congratulated the meeting on the accomplishment of the task of creating a new association, and explained that under the last article of the newly adopted constitution, the first officers and Councilmen were to be elected by those present at the organization meeting. He then appointed Messrs. Solon J. Buck, William D. Overman, and Henry James Young a Committee on Nominations, and requested them to withdraw for consultation.

Application cards for membership in the new association were distributed to those present.

Dr. Kellar introduced a motion, which was seconded by Miss Norton and passed, that the Conference express its thanks to Dr. Crittenden, the Chairman, and Miss Barck, the Secretary, for the able manner in which they had conducted the business of the Conference.

Dr. Buck then reported for the Committee on Nominations the following slate: For President, C. C. Crittenden; for Vice-President, Edward P. Alexander; for Council, Dorothy C. Barck, George W. Brown, Sargent B. Child, Herbert A. Kellar, Ronald F. Lee, Harlow Lindley, James W. Moffitt, Roy F. Nichols, Jean Stephenson, and S. K. Stevens.

Upon motion by Dr. Lawrence H. Gipson, seconded by Miss Norton, it was voted that Dr. A. Everett Peterson be instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the officers and Council nominated by the Committee.

Dr. Crittenden continued in the chair as President of the new association, expressed the hope that everyone would cooperate in working for its success, and asked for any further business.

Dr. James W. Moffitt introduced a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Peterson and passed, that the Conference express its thanks to Mr. Wall and the other officers for the hospitality of the New York Historical Society.

Dr. Buck moved that the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies be disbanded; that its records, funds, and other property be turned over to the American Association for State and Local History; and that the member organizations of the Conference for 1940–41 be credited with 1 year's annual dues in the new organization. This motion was seconded by Dr. Alexander and passed.

Dr. Alexander explained that the American Association of Museums has a history section, and invited the American Association for State and Local History to meet with that section in Columbus in May 1941. The President thanked Dr. Alexander and said that the Council would be happy to act upon that invitation. Miss Norton said that she could not speak officially for the Council of the Society of American Archivists, but that its officers had discussed the possibility of concurrent meetings should the new local history organization be founded, and extended an invitation to the new officers to consider that possibility. Dr. Crittenden thanked the Archivists' society, and said that the invitation would be acted upon by the Council. Mrs. Ross asked whether other meetings were to be held during the year. The President replied that the constitution provided for an

[2] It appears on pp. 107 ff.

Annual Meeting and such other meetings as the Council might determine, and the place and date of the Annual Meeting would be fixed by the Council.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Joe L. Norris, the meeting, at 5 o'clock, voted to adjourn.

DOROTHY C. BARCK, *Secretary.*

## CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES—REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1940

(Read at the meeting on December 27, 1940, in New York City)

The minutes and papers of the meeting held in Washington, D. C., in December 1939, were printed through the efforts of the Chairman and mailed by the Secretary in March to 900 societies and interested individuals. The acknowledgments indicate that libraries appreciated receiving the *Proceedings* in printed form, and several requests for additional copies attest to interest in the contents. Bills for the annual dues of $1 were mailed in September, the beginning of the present fiscal year.

There are 54[1] member societies in the Conference for the year 1940–41. That number is not large, compared to the total number of organizations in the country, but the membership is very representative. The members represent Canada and 26 States of the United States. They include the two oldest historical societies in the United States and one which was founded only a year ago. They include private societies and state-supported agencies; well-established organizations housed in their own buildings, and small groups with no funds and no headquarters; associations with large and well-trained professional staffs, and groups which survive only through a few enthusiastic amateurs interested in local history.

The Secretary has a card catalogue of all the historical organizations listed in the *Handbook* published by this Conference, and of a number which did not reply to the questionnaire sent out when that was compiled or which have been founded since 1936. The catalogue, though incomplete, contains cards for over 900 historical societies and agencies in the United States. Of these, 300, or almost one-third of the total, are located in the three northeastern States of New York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. There are more than 200 societies in the 5 States of the Old Northwest Territory and, of the rest, a goodly portion are accounted for by the States of Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri. There are cards for 70 historical societies in Canada, of which more than half are situated in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Two letters recently answered by the Secretary represent the kind of queries that will probably arrive in increasing numbers. An historical society which contemplates requesting State aid asked for information about societies which now receive State appropriations. A gentleman recently elected trustee of a library which he thought should subscribe to local historical journals and join some neighboring historical societies, was sent a list of 6 organizations of State-wide interest, and 19 local societies within a 19-mile radius of his library.

The *Handbook of Historical Societies in the United States and Canada,* published by the Conference in December 1936, is still useful, and there is a small but steady demand from libraries and dealers. Thirty-eight copies have been sold during the past year, leaving a remainder of 243 now on hand, of the original edition of 800 copies. Thanks to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman's efficiency and the low price he obtained for printing, there is a profit in the *Handbook* account of $110.22.

[1] Three societies joined after this report was compiled.

The Conference took in $59 in dues during the year 1940, and $56.50 from the sale of *Handbooks*. The expenditures for stationery, printing, and mimeographing, postage and miscellaneous charges totaled $240.32. The balance to the credit of the Conference on December 27, 1940, is $230.88.

*Conference of Historical Societies financial statement, December 27, 1940*

*Receipts*

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| Balance, Dec. 27, 1939 | $355.70 |
| Dues, 1939–40 | 5.00 |
| Dues, 1940–41 | 54.00 |
| Sale, 38 *Handbooks* | 56.50 |
| | 471.20 |

*Expenditures*

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| Stationery | $41.99 |
| Printing | 120.55 |
| Mimeographing | 18.64 |
| Postage | 50.98 |
| Express charges | 4.53 |
| Membership cards | 3.50 |
| Bank discount on Canadian check | .13 |
| | 240.32 |
| Total assets | 471.20 |
| Expenditures | 240.32 |
| Balance, December 27, 1940 | 230.88 |

DOROTHY C. BARCK, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

(*December, 1940*)

The program of the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies held in Washington, December 28, 1939, was concerned with the present status of work in the field of State and local history in the United States and Canada and with the need for a better coordination of such work. As a result of the discussion of this topic, a resolution was passed authorizing the Chairman to appoint a committee to aid him in investigating the possibilities along this line and in preparing a report to the Conference on a future program of action.

Under authority of this resolution the Chairman, on January 21, 1940, appointed a Policy Committee of 15 persons, in addition to himself, as follows: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, of the New York State Historical Association; Miss Dorothy C. Barck (Secretary of the Conference), New York Historical Society; Mrs. Seymour Corley, the Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto; Lieutenant-Colonel E. K. Eaton, Historical Association of Annapolis Royal; Mr. Lawrence K. Fox, South Dakota State Historical Society; Dr. A. J. Hanna, Florida Historical Society; Mr. Herbert W. Hill, New Hampshire Historical Society; Dr. Herbert A. Kellar, McCormick Historical Association; Mr. Ronald F. Lee, National Park Service; Dr. Harlow Lindley, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society; Mr. Lewis A. McArthur, Oregon Historical Society; Dr. William D. McCain.

Mississippi State Department of Archives and History; Dr. James W. Moffitt, Oklahoma Historical Society; Dr. Jean Stephenson, Daughters of the American Revolution; and Dr. S. K. Stevens, Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

During the year your Committee has consulted a large number of interested persons, has held several conferences, and members have corresponded among themselves and, in general, have sought to investigate the problem thoroughly and to report a suitable program. Grateful for the generous aid and advice which they have received from many sources, the Committee is now ready to recommend a definite plan of action.

Most fundamental of all, your Committee has sought to answer the question of whether or not there is a sufficient demand for a strong organization in the field of state and local history and whether such an organization, if set up, would stand a reasonable chance of success. As a result of its investigation, the Committee has reached the conclusion that there is a real need for such an organization and is optimistic over the prospects for its creation and successful operation.

The present Conference of Historical Societies since it was created in 1904 has performed a useful function. It has conducted profitable discussions of various problems facing historical societies, it has compiled lists of such societies, it has issued publications, especially the *Handbook of Historical Societies*, and in general it has sought to serve its members. It has never been more than a loose federation, however, and within recent years it has tended to become more and more merely one of numerous sessions of the American Historical Association. Frequently the papers read at its meetings have not related closely to historical societies and their work. That is, the Conference has tended to lose sight of the purpose for which it was created and of the only real grounds which could justify its existence.

Your Committee believes that one of the chief weaknesses of the present Conference has been that there has been too much reading of papers at its sessions, and it is suggested that at the meetings of the new organization proposed below such paper-reading be reduced to a minimum or even eliminated altogether. Such papers as are written might well be distributed to members in advance of the meetings, and the latter should be devoted primarily to a discussion of mutual problems.

As early as 1906 the persons interested in museum work formed their own organization, the American Association of Museums, and in 1936 those in the archival profession set up the Society of American Archivists. There exists, however, no strong organization for State and local history. Such an organization, as conceived by your Committee, would not compete with the American Historical Association, the American Association of Museums, the Society of American Archivists, or any other existing society. Instead, it would undertake a program designed to round out and supplement the work of these other bodies.

A strong organization in the field of State and local history could render many valuable services, some of which are as follows:

(1) *Publicity.* The organization could promote a broad program of historical work for the American and Canadian people, and could seek in every way practicable to make this program known to the public. Certain phases of historical work have tended to become too highly professionalized, and this tendency now needs to be corrected and better contacts with the masses of the people need to be established. There are opportunities for promoting such a broad popular program of which full advantage has never been taken in North America.

(2) *Cooperation with the National Park Service.* Within the past few years this Federal agency has embarked upon an extensive program for the preservation

and care of historic sites, for the marking of historic spots, and for promoting historical work in other ways. Closer coordination between the work of the Park Service and that of local and State historical organizations will offer numerous mutual advantages.

(3) *Cooperation with Federal relief agencies.* Whether or not one approves of the present Federal policy of spending billions for relief, it would seem unwise, since the funds are being spent anyhow, not to secure as large a share of this money as possible to promote historical work. A good deal has already been accomplished along this line through such units as the Historical Records Survey, the Survey of Federal Archives, the Federal Writers' Project and various museum and archaeological projects. But considerably more can be done, and a strong organization of historical agencies will be in a position to take advantage of the opportunity. Perhaps certain new WPA projects should be set up for the specific purpose of promoting State and local historical activities.

(4) *Cooperation with "patriotic" and other organizations.* The Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion, and many other similar organizations are engaged in work which in many ways parallels that of State and local historical agencies, and a better system of coordination needs to be evolved.

(5) *Promotion of historical programs for adults.* With shortened hours of work, the American and Canadian peoples have on their hands more leisure than ever before. With properly planned programs, a part of this leisure time could be devoted to a study of history and especially of local history, perhaps in cooperation with WPA adult education and recreation programs.

(6) *Encouragement of the writing of high-standard State and local histories.* The writers of State and local histories should be encouraged to apply the most approved technique of modern historical scholarship, but at the same time they should be urged to write primarily, not for researchers and teachers, but rather for the public at large.

(7) *Encouragement of adequate historical courses in the schools.* The courses taught in our schools usually include a great deal about the history of the world at large or of Europe or of the United States as a whole, but only very little about the history of the local area in which the school is located. Lists of suitable textbooks on State and local history might be prepared by competent authorities and made available through the proposed organization.

(8) *Compilation of lists of local historians and genealogists.* A large proportion of the hundreds of thousands of requests for genealogical and local historical information which are mailed annually, actually are addressed to the wrong persons or organizations. An up-to-date list of local persons who could and would reply to such queries, perhaps for a fee, would be of real service.

(9) *Promotion of closer co-ordination between State and local historical organizations.* Within each State the central agency has an opportunity to stimulate and coordinate the activities of the local societies. In a few States, notably in Pennsylvania, a great deal is being done along this line. Most of the State agencies, however, are backward in this respect and thereby are missing a real opportunity. The proposed organization could advise and encourage them in meeting this need.

(10) *Publications.* The annual proceedings of the new organization should be regularly published, and a new edition of the *Handbook of Historical Societies* is now needed. In addition, there should be a periodical (not too ambitious at first) and probably other occasional publications.

(11) *Conferences.* At intervals conferences of persons and institutions engaged in State and local historical work should be held, where mutual problems

could be discussed. Such meetings, if properly planned and conducted, could be definitely helpful.

(12) *Clearing house.* Probably the most important service which the proposed organization could render would be to set up a permanent secretariat which would serve as a clearing house for all matters relating to State and local historical activities. Information, suggestions, and advice could be assembled and distributed along the following lines (some of which have been touched upon above):

a. *The most suitable form of organization.* Local historical groups desiring to organize frequently experience difficulty in obtaining information concerning the most suitable type of organization. The secretariat should assemble and distribute the organic legislation or the constitution and bylaws of several of the most successful societies and agencies.

b. *Methods of meeting the distinctive problems of various types of historical agencies.* The State commission or department, the State-supported society, the large private society, and the small private society—each has its own peculiar problems which deserve special attention. Most aid along this line could probably be given to the small, nonprofessional, local society.

c. *Most successful methods of securing increased contributions or appropriations.* Any aid in this field could not fail to be welcome to any and all historical agencies.

d. *Most suitable types of buildings and equipment for historical societies, for museums, and for archives.*

e. *Useful publication programs.* Many of our historical societies waste large sums in publishing materials of little value, but at the same time fail to publish other materials of real significance. Competent advice in this field is badly needed and usually would be welcomed.

f. *Promotion of the sale and exchange of publications of member organizations.* Many historical societies, especially the smaller ones, are handicapped by the lack of proper outlets for the sale and exchange of their publications. A central agency, by preparing and distributing lists of publications of its members, could do much to overcome this difficulty. The service rendered in this field alone would probably be sufficient to justify the creation and support of such an agency.

g. *The collection, preservation, and care of archives and historical manuscripts.* The Society of American Archivists has formulated a broad program in this field, and this program should be supplemented rather than duplicated.

h. *Historical museums.* This field has been partly preempted by the American Association of Museums, and duplication or competition should be avoided.

i. *The marking of historic spots.* At the present time a great deal of interest is being shown in this work, and many States and localities have spent or are spending sizeable sums for the purpose. Many pitfalls could be avoided were information and advice concerning the best procedure made generally available.

j. *The restoration and preservation of historic sites and buildings.* As never before, the American people are waking up to the possibilities in this field, and there is much to be accomplished. The guidance and advice of the National Park Service, which has evolved valuable principles and techniques in meeting this problem, would be of value.

k. *The promotion and conduct of historical tours,* along lines already worked out in several States.

l. *Cooperation with "patriotic," civic, and other organizations.* Such groups can do much to aid in historical work, provided the proper contacts are established.

m. *The planning and conduct of historical celebrations, plays, and pageants.* Every year hundreds of such celebrations are held in the United States and Canada. In most cases the promoters are inexperienced in this type of work and would be glad to have advice and suggestions.

n. *Promotion of the writing of high-standard local histories.* Suggestions for research and model outlines should be circulated, especially for the purpose of aiding amateurs.

Your Committee believes, therefore, that there are many needs to be met and many services to be rendered by a strong organization in the field of state and local history. The problem of what form that organization should take has been the subject of a great deal of thought and discussion. The proposed constitution of the American Association for State and Local History (below) is the result.

A few explanations and comments concerning the proposed constitution may be in order. The new organization is expected to include both individuals and institutions in the United States and Canada. The dues have been kept low, with the idea that we should not charge our members more than a minimum until we have proved that we can render a real service. Later, if desired, the dues can be increased. One-year terms for the officers have been considered too brief and longer terms have been provided. Provision is made for regional representation on the Council. The executive functions are concentrated in the hands of a Secretary-Treasurer, who also may be designated by the Council as Editor. It is expected that the Secretary-Treasurer will be a paid official, with secretarial assistance.

It is suggested that joint sessions with the American Historical Association continue to be held, and also regional and other sessions in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Southern Historical Association, the American Association of Museums, the Society of American Archivists, and perhaps other groups.

Frankly, this constitution has been framed and the program of the new organization has been considered in the light of a possible grant from one of the foundations, for your committee has been led to hope that such aid might be secured. It is believed, however, that even without such a grant the proposed new organization will be able to function and to render a number of services.

Your Committee recommends that the proposed constitution be adopted and that the new organization be set up at the forthcoming session of the Conference of Historical Societies in the building of the New York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, New York City, Friday afternoon, December 27, 1940.

Edward P. Alexander; Dorothy C. Barck; Mrs. Seymour Corley; E. K. Eaton; Lawrence K. Fox; A. J. Hanna; Herbert W. Hill; Herbert A. Kellar; Ronald F. Lee; Harlow Lindley; Lewis A. McArthur; William D. McCain; James W. Moffitt; Jean Stephenson; S. K. Stevens; C. C. Crittenden, *Chairman.*

### The American Association for State and Local History

*Constitution adopted December 27, 1940*

1. The name of the organization shall be The American Association for State and Local History.

2. The object of the organization shall be the promotion of effort and activity in the fields of state, provincial, and local history in the United States and Canada.

3. Membership shall be limited to persons or institutions approved by the Council. No institution which operates for profit shall be eligible for membership.

Each institutional member shall be entitled to representation by one delegate with the right to vote at all meetings of the Association, to hold office, and to serve on the Council.

4. Members shall be divided into three classes: life members, contributing members, and annual members. Upon the payment of $50 at one time any person shall be enrolled as a life member and shall be exempt from the payment of further dues. Contributing members shall pay annual dues of $5. Annual members shall pay annual dues of $2. In each of the classes listed above, the dues of institutional members shall be double those for persons. The dues of contributing and annual members shall be payable in advance, and any member whose dues are in arrears for one year shall, one month after the mailing of a notice of such delinquency to his last known address, be automatically dropped from membership. Members so dropped may be reinstated by order of the Council, upon the payment of one year's dues in advance.

5. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President and Vice President shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for a term of 2 years and shall serve until their successors are elected. No person shall be eligible for election as President more than two successive terms. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the Council for a term of 2 years and shall serve until his successor is elected. The Secretary-Treasurer may be elected to succeed himself indefinitely.

6. The government of the Association, the management of its affairs, and the regulation of its procedure, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall be vested in a Council composed of the officers and ten members elected by the Association, two at each Annual Meeting, for a term of 5 years.

7. There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of one of the retiring elected members of the Council, as Chairman, to be designated by the President, and two members of the Association, not members of the Council, appointed by the President at the preceding Annual Meeting. This Committee shall consult the membership for suggestions, shall make nominations for officers and members of the Council, and shall prepare ballots containing the names of its nominees and of all other persons who may be nominated by petition of 10 or more members filed with the Secretary-Treasurer at least 2 weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting at which the election is to take place. A majority of the ballots cast by the members and delegates present at the Meeting shall be necssary for election.

8. If a vacancy shall occur in the Council or in any of the offices except the presidency, such vacancy may be filled by the Council, and the person designated shall hold the position for the unexpired term of the person vacating it.

9. The President shall preside at all Business Meetings of the Association and the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Council.

10. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case the President is absent or incapacitated and, in case of a vacancy in the presidency, the Vice President shall assume that office and shall hold it for the remainder of the term.

11. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Association and of the Council, shall prepare and mail notices, and shall present a report on the activities of the Association at each Annual Meeting. He shall assemble, arrange, tabulate, and make available to the public information concerning activities in the fields of state, provincial, and local history in the United States and Canada, and shall undertake in every way possible to make his office the clearing house for all matters relating to such activities. He shall have the custody of all monies belonging to the Association. He may be required by the Council to

give bond for the faithful performance of his duty in such sum as the Council shall determine. He shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures and shall report thereon in full to the Association at each Annual Meeting and to the Council whenever so ordered.

12. The President, the Vice President, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute a Finance Committee which shall approve all investments and prepare a budget for submission to the Council and to the Association at each Annual Meeting.

13. The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting at such time and place as the Council shall determine, and such regional and other meetings as may be called by the Council. Notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer at least 15 days in advance. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

14. The Council shall hold an annual meeting in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Association, and such other meetings as it may determine. Special meetings of the Council for any purpose may be called by the Secretary-Treasurer on the written request of the President or of three members of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

15. The Council shall elect, for such term as it shall determine, an Editor, who shall edit or supervise all the publications of the Association. He shall have the advice and cooperation of an Editorial Board consisting of four members, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Council for a term of 4 years. The Editor shall be *ex officio* the Chairman of the Board. He shall be privileged to attend all the meetings of the Council but shall not have a vote therein. The Council may designate the Secretary-Treasurer to serve *ex officio* as Editor.

16. When funds are available the Association shall publish from time to time new editions of the *Handbook of Historical Societies*, leaflets and pamphlets on various phases of State, provincial, and local historical activity, a news bulletin, and such other publications as shall be recommended by the Editorial Board and approved by the Council. Every member whose dues are not in arrears shall be entitled to receive all publications of the Association, and subscriptions shall be accepted from others at such rates as may be directed by the Finance Committee.

17. The records of the Association and of its committees shall be preserved by the officers and chairmen of committees and shall be turned over by them to the Secretary-Treasurer when their terms expire. Noncurrent records may, at the order of the Council, be placed in some depository for permanent preservation.

18. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in a written statement filed with the Secretary by any five members. Copies of proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Secretary to all members at least 15 days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered. If approved by the Council they may be adopted by a majority vote, but if not so approved, by a two-thirds vote, at any Annual Meeting of the Association.

19. The first officers and 10 members of the Council shall be elected by those present at the organization meeting. At the first meeting of the Council lots shall be drawn to assign terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, respectively, to the elected members. The first members of the Board of Editors shall be elected for terms of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years, respectively.

# THE CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY: FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 30, 1940.

## MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY HELD IN NEW YORK, DECEMBER 30, 1940

The luncheon conference on Latin-American History was held on Monday, January 30, 1940, in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, with the President of the Conference, Professor Dana G. Munro, Princeton University, presiding.

The principal feature of the occasion was an address, illustrated by slides, on *Archaeology and History in the Valley of Mexico*, given by Dr. George C. Vaillant of the American Museum of Natural History. After explaining that the work is still in an exploratory stage, Dr. Vaillant commented on the good series of historical records showing the development of Indian culture that are available in Mexico. Speaking of the reconstruction of the temple at Tenayuca, Dr. Vaillant spoke of the significance of the six different constructions found there and then passed on to discuss the work of the Toltecs, referring to the superb pottery, the figurines showing the evolution of religious ideas, the calendar and the symbolic writing of these people. He mentioned their religious center at Teotihuacan as giving the impression of a unified culture and religion. He discussed at some length the relation of the lava flow to the culture of Teotihuacan and spoke of the time chart between history and archaeology in relation to these people.

The presiding officer in behalf of the group warmly thanked Dr. Vaillant for his interesting address.

At the Business Meeting which followed the luncheon the Nominating Committee, consisting of Professors Arthur Whitaker, Roscoe Hill, and A. C. Wilgus brought in the following slate of officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Professor I. J. Cox, Northwestern University; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Vera Brown Holmes, Smith College; members to serve with the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer as a General Committee, Professor F. Hoffman of the University of Colorado and Professor J. M. Espinosa of Loyola University. The slate was accepted and the ballot cast.

In presenting the report of the Nominating Committee, Professor Whitaker stated that it was the opinion of the Committee that the acceptance by the parent association of the plan of rotating the Annual Meetings between the three cities of Washington, New York, and Chicago would soon necessitate a change in the practice of placing on the General Committee only persons resident in or near the city where the Annual Meeting was being held, but that for the time being the Committee was not proposing the change.

Professor Wilgus made a plea for further orders for the Dr. James A. Robertson Memorial Volume.

Steps to have the name of the Conference on Latin American History appear on the cover of the program for the Annual Meeting would, it was promised, be taken for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p. m.

VERA BROWN HOLMES, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

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